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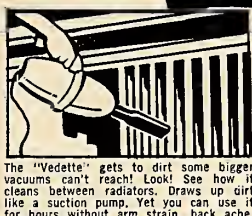
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DR. DILLON AGAIN

SIR: Regarding the article "Veterans Hospitals: Government Medicine in Action," by Dr. Richard Dillon, in the March issue of *Reader's Digest*, I am sure the Legion would do something about these conditions if the article is true. If the good doctor is not telling the truth, his story should not be published for people to read.

C. E. RINEY
Windsor, Ill.

SIR: My experience as a patient in the Madison, Wis., VA hospital was not at all as Dr. Dillon claimed.

BILL STEWARD, *Service Officer*
Post 676, Durand, Ill.

SIR: It is my considered belief from experience in both private and Veterans Administration hospitals that there is no finer, more efficient or more competent hospital service anywhere than at Veterans Administration hospitals. I wish to cite my own experience at Long Beach VA hospital where a cancer was removed from my colon in 1955. The operation restored my health and saved me from the lifelong misery of a colostomy that had been suggested as necessary by the private surgeon I consulted. This is not the first time that the *Reader's Digest* has carried articles critical of VA policies, and it seems to me that it directs slanted articles and propaganda to downgrade veteran aid and veteran facilities at every opportunity. In my experience, I found skillful doctors, efficient and kindly nurses, and a friendly atmosphere of dedicated service and careful programs of treatment not duplicated elsewhere—all in the best ethical traditions of the medical profession.

FRANK E. CLOVE
San Pedro, Calif.

Dr. Dillon's article downgrading VA medical practice first appeared in last November's *Atlantic*. In view of the VA's factual report of the nature of his evidence (which we summarized in our January "Newsletter") we were somewhat surprised that *Reader's Digest* Editor De Witt Wallace should have republished it in March. It was our expressed view that the public deserves a higher standard of criticism of the VA.

VETS' BENEFITS

SIR: I am one who chose VA pension under PL86-211 when I had a choice, and now get less than what I'd have been entitled to had I not so chosen. I asked for what I got. As you pointed out in your February issue, I just didn't know what it was I asked for.

W. K. WELLS
Orting, Wash.

SIR: As a veteran of the Rainbow Division in WWI, may I compliment you for your forthright articles on the pension question. We are behind you in your fight for a just pension for all veterans. Will you please give me the names of the Congressmen on the House Veterans Affairs Committee so that I may acquaint them with my grievances?

PETE V. ROGERS
Brooklyn, N.Y.

We suggest you write your own congressman. Even if he tells you that the matter is in the Veterans Affairs Committee, he is *your* representative in Congress and almost certainly would want to contact the committee with reference to the welfare of his constituents.

SIR: Under the present VA pension law, when my wife died in June my \$45 VA pension stopped, as I went into the category of a veteran without dependents, for whom the annual income ceiling is \$1,800 rather than \$3,000. I think it was a lick below the belt. I had a \$2,146 hospital bill, a \$1,072 funeral expense and owed \$600 in doctor bills, only some of which were covered by insurance. I hope the Legion will secure legislation that will take care of this injustice.

WAYNE MCCOY
Marshall, Okla.

And if Mr. McCoy was getting \$45 as a married pensioner, his total income was not over \$2,000.

SIR: Let's all get behind Commander Powers, to support all of the Legion's 1963 veterans affairs programs.

RHYS JONES
Edwardsville, Pa.

SIR: My VA widow's pension would normally have dropped from \$60 to \$45 a month as of January, because of \$71.80 a month Social Security. But it already was stopped entirely for the last four months of 1962 because of an inheritance of \$1,695.74 that I received. This had the result of forcing me to eat into my little savings. I understand that all of this is according to existing law, but it is not realistic in terms of costs. Social Security for a year for me is \$861.60. Rent, without heat, is \$720. That leaves me \$141.60 on the basis of which my pension is reduced. The pension law has such rigid restrictions

that there is no way to augment my income except through trickery or lies, which I will not do. It would be helpful if the Veterans Administration would furnish, with a notice of pension suspension, a budget for a widow to live on out of what remains. I have written Senator Edward Kennedy, Senator Leverett Saltonstall and Congressman James Burke to hasten passage of the Legion's bill, HR1927. I urge others to follow suit with their own representatives in Congress.

WINONA TORREY
Brockton, Mass.

SIR: I am in full accord with the Legion's pension position and delighted to read the details in March of the Legion bill HR1927. I am one of the widows in the class you referred to in your articles. I wrote the chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee in Washington in behalf of amending PL86-211. I received no reply. I'll be waiting for word to act on the Legion's bill and I'll canvass the town and see that all widows write to their Congressmen.

MRS. HARRY WATSON
Lancaster, Pa.

SIR: I am another veteran's widow whose VA pension was stopped under PL86-211 because of a few dollars increase in Social Security. I could get no explanation or advice because the VA office at Shawnee, Okla., was closed out. Who is going to clean up this mess?

(NAME WITHHELD)
Mand, Okla.

SIR: I am a service-connected disabled veteran and am interested in legislation that would equalize compensation. I wrote Rep. Olin Teague, House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman, and he replied to the letter but did not elaborate on the question I put. I am rated 50 percent disabled, and if I got 50 percent compensation I'd get \$125 a month, but I only get \$107. It makes no sense. *The American Legion Magazine* has given a clear picture of the issues relating both to pension and compensation. Is it true that Mr. Teague was responsible for throwing compensation out of balance?

ANDREW J. BEARD
Hattiesburg, Miss.

No. It was thrown out of balance under the chairmanship of former Rep. John Rankin. The imbalance has been perpetuated under his successors.

SIR: I was shocked to read about the WWI veteran who, under Public Law 86-211, was required to add up \$541.94 insurance benefits on his wife's death as income that cut off his pension.

RALPH J. SALVATI
Middletown, N.Y.

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SIR: Thank you for your March article on "The Gideons and Their Bibles." Many folks do not know what the Gideons do, and this article should en-

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LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

lighten them. We pray that those who do see a Gideon Bible will use it when they are away from home.

ROY H. PEARSON, JR.
Galesburg, Ill.

SIR: As a Gideon and a Legionnaire since 1919, I read the article with great interest. This is a factual, well-written article, and will do much to create interest in the Bibles and Testaments which are placed by the Gideons in the streams of public life. I am glad Miss Erdman made it clear that these are not "Gideon Bibles," but Bibles placed by Gideons. This article, in the interest of spiritual values, will do much to raise the standards of the Legion in its work for God and Country.

A. A. HUMPHREY
Lantana, Fla.

SIR: Many thanks for the fine article on the Gideons.

SARA B. LARSON
Philadelphia, Pa.

EDDICATION?

SIR: Permit me to congratulate you on the excellence of the March issue. The Editor's Corner piece on "Is Learning Coming Back?" deserves the widest dissemination in this era of regulated conformity and superficial learning. It reminds me forcefully of the bumpkin who, on getting his sheepskin at graduation, waved it aloft and shouted "Eddicated, by gob!"

CHARLES TRIMBLE
Springfield, Ill.

AN IDEA SPREADS

SIR: As Captain of the Cresskill (N.J.) Colonial Militia, I wish to thank *The American Legion Magazine* for its February feature on our organization, "New Jersey Teenagers Bring American History to Life." We have been contacted by many people who are interested in similar projects, and a few days ago we were notified that we had won a national award from the Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation. This sure was a surprise.

RICHARD DUFFY
Cresskill, N.J.

GOOD POST

SIR: If I'm not mistaken, the photo of the rescue squad of Post 35, Oklahoma City (March, p. 29) also shows that this Post is a sponsor of an Explorer Post of the Boy Scouts, and has the Explorers working on the rescue squad, which also would deserve good mention. Were not those in the foreground Explorers?

LESTER NEWBERRY
Explorer Post Advisor
American Legion Post 350,
Mommouth, Ill.

We didn't have time to check with Post 35, but they sure look like Explorers.

WWII SONGS

SIR: James Sites must not have been listening when he said WWII songs were virtually sterile (March issue). I list a few: "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," "The Army Air Corps Song," "This is The Army."

F. W. HUNT
Pleasant Hill, Calif.

SIR: Maybe it's corny, but I still get a catch in my throat at "Coming In On A Wing and A Prayer." Sterile?

J. R. FRAZER
Nashville, Tenn.

OLDEST LEGIONNAIRE?

SIR: Your newsletter in March noted that George W. McKenzie (who'd be 99 this May 28), of Post 719, New York City, N. Y., may have become the oldest living Legionnaire. We submit Major William Wilkinson (99 in April) for this honor. A member of Clearwater, Fla., Post 7, Maj. Wilkinson now lives with his son in North Wales, Pa. An old Indian fighter, who was stationed as a private at Ft. Yates, he was one of four men, including two prisoners and a sentry, who buried Chief Sitting Bull in December 1890. Maj. Wilkinson says he has seen four different letters by four different men claiming to have made the coffin in which the last of the great Sioux chieftains was buried. "He wasn't even buried in a coffin," says the Major. "He was wrapped in canvas, carried in a cart, and dumped into a big hole in the Post cemetery. I know because I was one of the four men who did it."

HENRY GOLDBERG, *Historian*
Turner-Brandon Post 7
Clearwater, Fla.

WHAT'S GOOD PAY?

SIR: In a letter to the editor in your March issue, Russell Pettis of St. Paul, Minn., said that "a salary of \$540 a month isn't even good pay for unskilled labor." In my section of the nation unskilled labor doesn't make half that amount.

RICHARD F. BAKER
Savannah, Ga.

SIR: \$540 a month not good pay for unskilled labor? I am a disabled veteran with four dependents and an income of \$192 a month. I think that it is thinking like Mr. Pettis' that is one of the causes of steady inflation.

DORSEY E. KELLEY
Lamar, Ark.

HORROR MARCH

SIR: The craze for 50-mile hikes doesn't sit well with some of us. While with the 9th Armored Division I was captured near Bastogne. Many of us walked from there across Germany to Stalag 8A, and then back to the vicinity of Brunswick. About 800 men died along the road in this horror march. I lost 90 pounds and was barely alive when liberated.

JAMES K. GARVIN
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A LITTLE LADY vs. THE COMMISSARS

THE ARTICLE "Who Wants the Soviet Economy?" on page 18, is a devastating picture of the inefficiency of communism in producing goods, food and shelter. We ran a whole article about Mme. Suzanne Labin, the author, in our December, 1962 issue — called "Joan of Arc of Freedom." A brilliant French-woman, dearly hated by the communists, Mme. Labin makes it her main point that "emerging nations" which turn to the Soviets for economic help couldn't do worse. Norbert Schmelkes, the Legion's Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Mexico, makes another point in a note to us: The world cannot stand the growth of the communist type of economy because, with the population explosion, the magnificent mismanagement of resources by the communists invites a disaster of nonproductivity should the red system continue to expand.

GETTING THE FACTS

WE HOPE YOU will carefully go over the long report, "Five Days in Washington, D.C." starting on page 26. You will better appreciate the enormous pains that the guiders of American Legion policy take, with full cooperation at the highest level of government, to make Legion services and policies responsible and knowledgeable. It is interesting to stack the facts up against some of the deathless myths about Legion policymaking which appear in print from time to time.

"I CALL ON NEW ORLEANS"

PETE MARTIN wrote a long series of profiles of American celebrities in the *Saturday Evening Post*, under such titles as "I Call on Bing Crosby," "I Call on Marilyn Monroe," etc. He did it so warmly and honestly that he became a celebrity himself, his readers looking quite as much for the name "Pete Martin" as for the glamorous names of his subjects. With this issue, we welcome him aboard as a Contributing Editor to *The American Legion Magazine*. For his first job, we gave him a city rather than a person to interview, and on page 14 he introduces us all to New Orleans, where the Legion's 45th National Convention will be held next September.



Pete Martin

THE POWER OF LABOR

OUR MONTHLY "Pro-and-Con" page, in which Congressmen speak up on two sides of an issue, has a coupon at the bottom, which readers are invited to use to express their opinions on the question. Readers are supposed to send these to their own Congressmen. But being as perverse as editors probably are, every month a few of our readers send their votes to *us*. As a result, we get a completely unsolicited poll of opinion. On most questions, what we get is something like 9 for and 2 against, or 23 for and 5 against, a vote whose smallness is easily explained

EDITOR'S CORNER

by the fact that we weren't supposed to get any at all. Imagine our surprise, then, when on one question, recently, we received 305 votes. The assumption here is that the feeling on that question runs very deep. Here is the vote: Anti-trust laws *should* be applied to labor — 281. They should *not* — 24. Closest rival in terms of unasked response was: All trade with communist countries *should* be banned — 80. Should *not* — 3.

DO WE WAIT FOR THEM TO DIE?

A 73-YEAR-OLD BLIND WWI veteran, Wilmer A. Summerville, died in Rome, Ga., on February 15, and the last months of his life were nothing for the United States to be proud of. Because he could not care for himself, the Veterans Administration had denied him care in one of its soldiers' homes (called "domiciliary homes" in government parlance).

Five days before Christmas, Sheriff Joe Adams, of Rome, took pity on him and let him stay in the jail, where he lived as a guest for 46 days.

Summerville was receiving a VA pension (some \$78.75 a month). Under a law adopted a few years ago under the sponsorship of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, when the VA heard that the old man was in jail it started steps to stop his pension, should his stay there come to 60 days. When it learned that he was a guest and not a prisoner the VA halted that action and started doing its best for him.

It examined the old man to see if he could qualify for a VA "aid and attendance" allowance. But being 73 and blind didn't qualify him, even though his inability to care for himself barred him from living in a VA domiciliary home.

On February 6, Mrs. Christine Perry, operator of a nursing home in Cedartown, Ga., heard of his plight through a VA social worker and took him in free of charge. Nine days later all the problems were solved as Wilmer A. Summerville died of a heart attack.

We have received quite a few letters protesting the "cruelty" of the Veterans Administration with respect to Mr. Summerville, but as Edward D. Jensen, Service Officer of The American Legion Department of Georgia, noted to us in a complete report of the case, the Veterans Administration did exactly as the law requires, and that is its job.

But the case of Wilmer A. Summerville puts an exclamation mark after the insistence of The American Legion Rehabilitation Conference in Washington in mid-March (see page 26); and after the insistence of the Legion's Special Committee on Problems of the Aging; and after the National Commander's testimony to the House veterans' committee, that the present laws, and the present policies supported by the Veterans Administra-

tion, are not adequate with respect to aging veterans. The VA is even favoring a policy of reducing (and has reduced) some of its domiciliary services, while the controlling men in Congress have yet shown no interest in raising the pensions of indigent veterans. This in a year when the average age of WWI veterans will cross 70! The American Legion would like to get far-sighted laws passed before there are too many more Wilmer Summervilles. Will we again have to wait until headlines of tragic case histories stam-pede the legislature? Summerville was too helpless to live in a VA soldiers' home, but not helpless enough to qualify for "aid and attendance," while his pension was so small that he lived in the jail.

If he had come onto the pension rolls since July, 1960, his pension would have been \$8.75 a month *less*, under the new law — PL86-211. We would like to hear the high-flown words in justification of the present setup, and the ponderous generalities about the budget, that cover Summerville's case and the many more like his that are looming if we don't get action in *this* session of Congress.

The Legion's pension bill, HR1927, and its bills to increase federal aid to state soldiers' homes, and its proposals on VA care for the aged are among its programs of remedy. We will keep you posted on them, and hope that, backed by Legionnaires everywhere, our final report on this session of Congress will be a good one.

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Moral: When you know you are moving, send a change of address notice promptly to magazines to which you have subscriptions. This is so important that, every month, we provide all necessary info in a block on our table-of-contents page.

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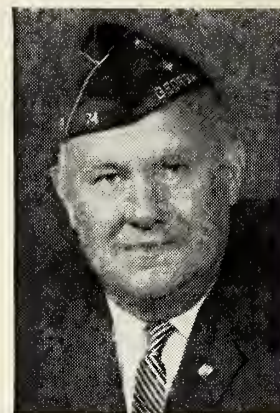
SEVERN VETS' organizations (including ourselves) and six gov't bodies, have put their names to a plea to have buildings designed to pose the least obstacles to handicapped people. We know that's a big order for architects, but we do refer them to the American Standards Ass'n report: "Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible and Usable to the Physically Handicapped."

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A Definition of Americanism for 1963

BY NATIONAL COMMANDER *James E. Powers*



RECENTLY, as your National Commander, I was challenged to give an adequate definition of what "Americanism" means in 1963. Someone had written a book, I was told, which claimed that the meaning of Americanism had changed with changing times, so that the ideals of Americanism which The American Legion founders had expressed in 1919 are now long out of date.

I was told that the book's author claimed that by failing to provide a new, modern, progressive definition of Americanism for 1963, our American Legion has lost whatever claim it ever had to leadership in things patriotic and in things beneficial to our country.

I like a challenge, but when I was challenged by an interviewer to come up with a definition of Americanism for 1963, I could only think that I would prefer a tougher challenge than that. I told him that I had not read the book which he spoke, but that no Legionnaire should have any trouble with the question.

I simply drew out of my pocket my American Legion membership card, turned it over, and answered about as follows:

"Here is the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

"It was written in 1919.

"It is recited as a part of the opening ceremony of every American Legion Post meeting.

"It is printed on every American Legion membership card.

"Nobody should have any trouble finding it if he is interested in The American Legion's view of fundamental Americanism.

"It sets forth ten basic statements of Legion ideals.

"One of them refers to mutual helpfulness between one Legionnaire and another.

"One of them refers to the memories of our war service.

"One of them dedicates us to a 100 percent Americanism.

"The other seven of them set forth the fundamental things that we mean by Americanism.

"Let us read them one at a time, and see if there is any trouble in understanding them, and look to see which may have become so outdated that they are no good any more.

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Has progress of some sort since 1919 made this 'old hat'?

"To maintain law and order. We are opposed to anarchy. We believe in a government of laws, not men. Surely this is American to the core. Has some imagined 'progress' now made lawlessness the American ideal?

"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation. Our constitutional government grants to us inviolate individual rights, and places in the people the power to choose its leadership. With these rights and privileges go obligations, about which we usually hear

less than about our rights and freedoms. But we can only govern ourselves and preserve our rights if, as citizens, we voluntarily participate in public affairs without thought of individual reward, and qualify ourselves to participate wisely and constructively. What is there about 1963 which makes this less fundamentally American than it was in 1919?

"To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses. We will oppose, and do oppose, any attempts to establish an aristocratic government, or a dictatorship, or mob rule in the United States. This has been implied as fundamental American doctrine since the Declaration of Independence was adopted in 1776, and it has been official American doctrine at least since Rhode Island became the 13th state to ratify the Constitution in 1790. No 'progress' altered it as basic Americanism from the 1770's to 1919, and I know of nothing that has occurred between 1919 and 1963 to change the picture.

"To make right the master of might.

"To promote peace and good will on earth.

"Both of these ideals are, if anything, more difficult of achievement in 1963 than in 1919. For that reason they are, if anything, more important to uphold as ideals of Americanism in 1963 than in 1919.

"To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy. I can read that forward and backward, and see no part of it that some sort of modern innovation in a changing world has consigned to the trash heap of outworn notions of what is American."

IF IT IS WORDS that we need to make Americanism clear in 1963—I give you the Preamble as an enduring definition.

But mere words are little more than a vain boast without a record of living by them. So my real definition of Legion Americanism for 1963 would be the living record of *what Legionnaires do* this year to improve community, state and nation in thousands of projects—*what they do* to give backbone to law and order—*what they do* to oppose militantly the endless drive to supplant our American way with a dictatorship—*what they do* to transmit American principles to posterity through our Boys States and Girls States, through Boy Scout and Girl Scout sponsorship, through teaching hundreds of thousands of youngsters the rules of fair play and teamwork on the baseball diamond—*what they do* to make the Constitution of the United States a familiar text to more hundreds of thousands of boys and girls in our Oratorical contest—*what they do* to make whole the broken lives of future citizens through our Child Welfare program.

A full account of these *deeds* would be a definition of Americanism so huge that it would fill an unabridged dictionary all by itself. It is a definition that is modern, progressive, fundamental and *alive*. Let's keep it that way.

Memorial Day



American Legion Posts are planning now to honor America's deceased war veterans as Memorial Day approaches. Graves will be decorated with U.S. flags in advance, and ceremonies will be held

May 30. Striking photo above, taken by Russell Thomas, shows services at Scotchtown Cemetery, Middletown, N.Y., conducted by town officials and American Legion Post 1181 last year.



When you think of New Orleans you think of good eating at just the right pace. An example of both the food and the pace is this view of genteel dining on the patio of Commander's Palace restaurant, located in the Garden District of the city.



The main drag, Canal Street, is said to be one of the widest main streets in the world. Autos have the right and left, trolleys the center. It's a boundary of the French Quarter.

Sidewalk artists hold portrait sittings in Pirates Alley, by St. Louis Cathedral.

Santo and his jazz band exemplify the many places that feature nothing but jazz.



It's the Paris of the New World

By PETE MARTIN

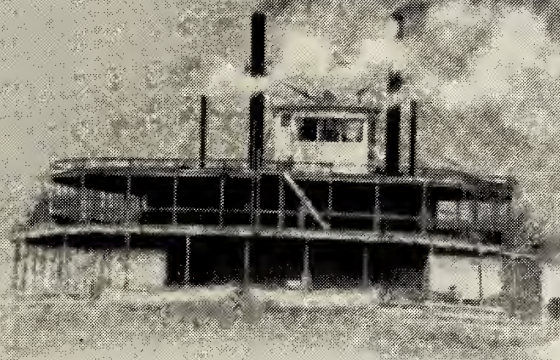
AS THE JET dipped down over New Orleans in the late dusk, I was struck by the singular beauty of America's only "truly continental" city. The curving patterns of colored lights along the streets below irresistibly brought Paris to mind. Absent were the typical, practical checkerboard crisscrossings of so many American cities. Instead, these streets and the waterfront lay in leisurely loops and sensuous contours of luminous light; like the Seine, I thought. And, abruptly, as we slid down the long final approach into Moisant Airport — as if by some eloquent telepathy of spirit — New Orleans became Paris to me in mood and atmosphere.

The city clearly conveys its uniqueness even from the air, but when you step into its presence on the ground you feel yourself really caught up in its light, warmth and hospitality. New Orleans is redolent of Europe, and you can't help but feel that time — our itch always to be on time — is no longer important here. I remembered the first time I had come to New Orleans and found myself cancelling successive train reservations to prolong my visit — and the lazy, carefree, good time.

New Orleans certainly must be the ideal convention city for any group. For The American Legion it is especially so. It is centrally located and convenient to the main streams of Legionnaire population in the Middle West and along the Eastern seaboard. Within its boundaries it offers just about everything any visitor may want to do, see or eat. Its old-world charm combines with its other attractions: entertainment de luxe, food guaranteed to turn gourmets into gourmands overnight (and vice versa), history that leaps from the pages of school books and comes alive in your presence, and a sophistication that bubbles over and through everything. New Orleans has its own built-in attractiveness, its own special appeal to everyone. A good part of this lure was left behind by the French and Spanish (in other words, by the creoles) and has been carefully, often fanatically, preserved.

The fourth Legion Convention ever held was held here in 1922 — the first three in Minneapolis, Cleveland and Kansas City. Judge Bernard Bagert, president of the American Legion Convention Corporation set up to handle details of the 1963 Convention, told me that the Louisiana State Convention, held in New Orleans in 1953, was so successful that he and others like him had been working

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A PREVIEW OF

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A Preview of New Orleans

ever since to bring the National Convention once more to the city that lies basking on the biggest levee of them all. "Back in 1922," he said, "the Legion brass apparently thought that New Orleans was the very next best thing to Páree."

Seymour Weiss, Manager of the Roosevelt Hotel (the Roosevelt will be the official headquarters for the 1963 Convention) grinned as he described to me that first Legion Convention in New Orleans. "When they came here in 1922, they wrecked every hotel they stayed in. They threw furniture out of the rooms, rode horses up and down in the lobbies, cut up pillows and spread feathers all over town. But now the young bucks who roared out *Madeleine* and *Made-moiselle From Armentières* have slowed a bit, and the World War II and Korean veterans are less boisterous to begin with." Weiss, himself, is a Legionnaire of long standing, yet, like most of the rest of us, he is obviously relieved by these changes over the years.

My wife had never been to New Orleans before, but less than an hour after we landed at Moisant she observed, "I get the feeling that there are fewer inhibitions here, less worry and care, less straitlaced stuffiness than in any place I've ever been." It seemed to me that she was getting close to the essence (in New Orleans cookery they call it "stock") around which every creole dish is created.

It's an old-world city, all right; the only one I know that has succeeded in maintaining its atmosphere.

Just don't call it old-fashioned.

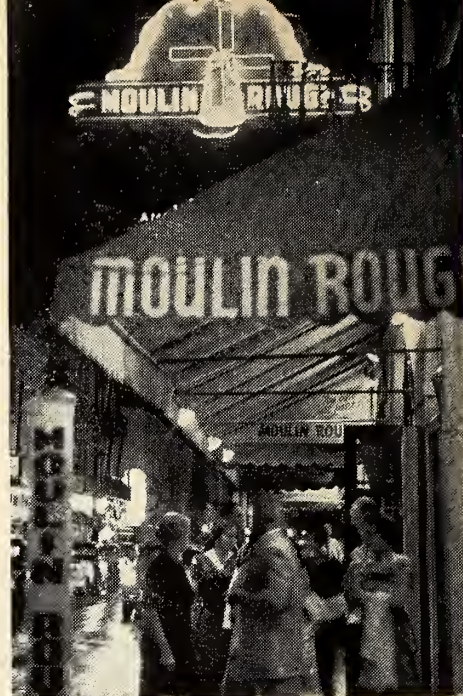
Orleanians are a constant delight. Instinctively, it seems, they're friendly, hospitable, kind. As Weiss put it, "We're not only natural born people-likers, we enjoy it, too."

Not many Southern towns and cities can match New Orleans. But then none of them has the marvellously complex French and Spanish heritage—a heritage that flourishes vigorously today, as you'll discover in September. For here in the nation's second largest seaport, amid growing industry, you'll find a city of people who manage simultaneously to work hard, enjoy life, love conversation, balance new ideas and dear tradition, and relish the preparing and eating of the best food in the United States.

The combination is irresistible, as evidenced by the number of visitors and tourists who flock to New Orleans each year, especially at Mardi Gras and Sugar Bowl time. But New Orleans tucks vis-

itors under its spreading wings with very little difficulty. And in the summer, very little sweat, either. Air conditioning was pioneered in New Orleans and today everything — shops, stores, theaters, hotels, restaurants — is completely air-conditioned by man by day, by nature at night. The city is surrounded by water and the heat of summer days ebbs away in the evenings. No doubt this climatological feature has contributed to New Orleans' air of romance, but the French Quarter probably has had an even greater influence.

It's hard to imagine anyone coming to New Orleans without visiting the French Quarter; there's nothing like it anywhere else. New Orleans is divided into two separate and distinct cities by Canal Street—the widest business thoroughfare in the world. The French Quarter, Le



↑ The old city is alive all evening with people moving from one night spot to another. In general, prices are reasonable.

Everyone stops at the French Market, usually for coffee and doughnuts before retiring, or to rest during the day.



Vieux Carré as it's called, hasn't been defaced by the cubical ugliness of new architecture, or any other building sacrilege, in nearly a hundred years. The separateness of the French Quarter and the other side of the city fascinates most Americans, but let's spend a moment in the Quarter.

There is no lack of interesting, charming buildings as creole in flavor as crayfish, gumbo and jambalaya; for instance, the Napoleon House. It was built by optimists who thought that Napoleon Bonaparte would actually make it to America from St. Helena and live there. It still stands; and Napoleon's death mask is in the Cabildo where the pirate Jean Lafitte was imprisoned. The Ca-

bildo is right next door to St. Louis Cathedral, second oldest Roman Catholic church in America, and both face onto Jackson Square where the actual real estate transfer for the Louisiana Purchase took place. Also on Jackson Square are the Pontalba Apartments, the first apartment houses built in America. (There's a long waiting list to get in.)

Throughout the French Quarter, the colors, sights, sounds and smells keep your senses busy overtime. And your eyes will not soon tire of the charm of narrow streets and the lacy black network of handwrought iron balconies. Your stay will be incomplete without a daytime stroll — or perhaps several —

through this city's French Quarter.

By night, well, this again has to be experienced to be understood. New Orleans is a city that sparkles differently at night. Even the drinks are different. Here is the home of the Sazerac and the Ramos gin fizz, patented concoctions that are now the property — and on the menu — of the Roosevelt. I was puzzled at how a drink could be patented and asked manager Seymour Weiss just how you could “own” a drink. “You can’t, really,” he told me, “but we do own their names. Anyone can serve a Ramos gin fizz, for example, but they can’t put it on their menus.”

Ramos, I learned, was the man who discovered the drink and opened the bar of the same name. His two sons helped him mix his special gin fizzes, the im-

portant step being to shake each drink for several minutes. His business was sensational apparently, but then he died and prohibition put a crimp in all bar business. Just before prohibition was repealed, Weiss contacted old Ramos’ two sons and arranged for the Roosevelt to have the American rights to sell the famous Ramos gin fizz. A royalty is still paid on every drink, and the gin, a specially sweetened formula that is closely guarded, is made up exclusively for the Roosevelt in carload lots. Like so many other things in New Orleans, the Ramos gin fizz is a must on any visit.

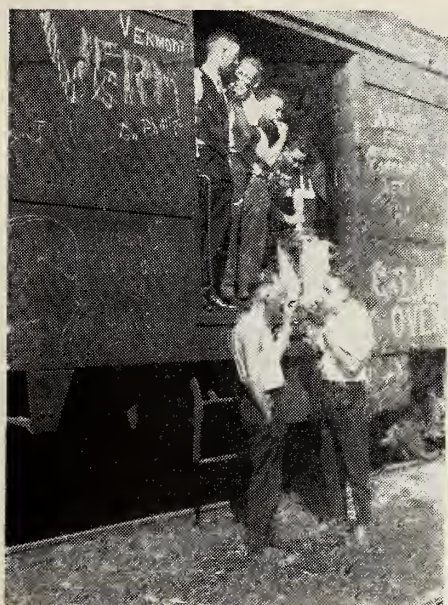
So is the Sazerac, the only pure whiskey drink “a lady may sip”! When you think of these two drinks, you have to think of New Orleans, for both are intimately involved with its life and cul-

ture. Incidentally, I’m informed by my favorite authority, Hermann B. Deutsch, that the true Sazerac does *not* contain grenadine, and furthermore, that the Ramos Silver gin fizz contains no egg yolk, only egg white!

If New Orleans is beginning to sound expensive, don’t brood about it or give it a second thought. Everything you might expect to be expensive turns out to be reasonable, and the things you’d expect to be reasonable are ridiculous . . . nickel newspapers, nickel phone calls, ten-cent rides on all public buses and streetcars with unlimited transfers! The streetcar named Desire has been replaced by a bus named Desire, but it still runs along the same thoroughfare, which is, of course, Desire.

Granted, there are perhaps three

PHOTOS BY JACK BEECH



At the 1922 New Orleans Convention, Vermont Legionnaires lived as at left. Now motels, as at right, await the traveler.

One of America's wonders is Lake Pontchartrain causeway, with 24 miles over water.

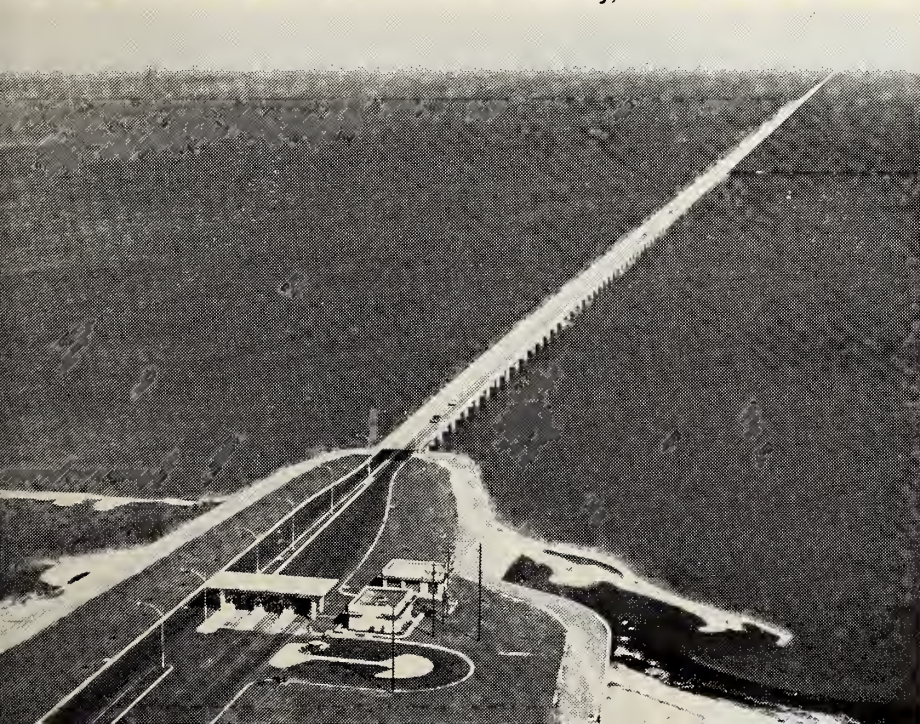


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levels of “expensiveness” at which a Legionnaire and his wife could spend their time and money here, but you can live it up higher per dollar in New Orleans, I should judge, than in any other city. Accommodations are easily classified this way: guest homes, from \$9 to \$14, motels from about \$10 to \$16 or \$17, first class hotels up to a maximum of \$19. But that would be tops. Your other costs will depend on how much you intend to buy, what kind of meals you want to eat, and where you go for entertainment.

Legionnaires will find that food is more reasonable in New Orleans than just about anywhere else in the country. There’s no question about the food being better — but it’s hard to believe that the check can be so low. I had a beautiful luncheon at Brennan’s — wine, bouillabaisse and oysters on the half shell prepared and baked in three different ways

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WHO WANTS THE SOVIET ECONOMY?

Soviet missiles seem wonderful, but emerging nations are warned that they can't eat Sputniks

IS IT TRUE that the Soviet Union and communists generally are such technological wizards that leaders of underdeveloped countries are justified in seeking communist aid in order to help lift themselves up by their bootstraps?

A common remark often heard in intellectual and political circles throughout the world runs something like this:

"It is quite true to say that communism establishes dreadful political regimes — but one cannot deny that in the economic field it shows an exceptional dynamism.

"It is the only regime capable of quickly modernizing underdeveloped countries, and it is already challenging the United States in the 'rush to happiness.'"

This way of looking upon communism — as if it were the archangel of the kilowatt — making up in efficiency and tangible results what it may lack in mercy — fascinates many leaders of underdeveloped countries who are anxious to speed up the pace of their own material progress.

Therefore, nothing is more important than an examination of the truth behind communism's claim that it knows better than democracies how to build factories, and produce goods, food and housing, and is best able to make them bloom rapidly even in the most undeveloped countries.

I will present below a summary of enormous research into the actual facts of Soviet technological and productive achievements, a summary which shows their claims and the claims of their apologists to be nothing but a myth. Before getting into this overwhelming documentation, I must emphasize that there is one area in which Soviet leadership is crushing in its superiority. That is in the area of propaganda. Here the communists are way ahead of the free world. Not in their capacity to build dams, but in their aptitude for creating mirages.

As you will see, they establish hardly any kilowatts compared to the West. Yet, for each kilowatt set up, they recruit and enroll a thousand adepts, sympathizers, auxiliaries and fellow travelers. It is not so much that world opinion seeks to have dust thrown into its eyes by communist claims of technological greatness, but rather that all over the world the communists have thousands upon thousands of *professional*

By Mme. SUZANNE LABIN



propagandists who throw dust in those eyes.

The "challenge" of communist "economic dynamism" is, in the end, actually the challenge of the lie which asserts itself in front of the truth which keeps silent. The challenge of the truth about freedom is really the challenge dreaded by the Soviet leaders.

Actually, one needs no facts about production to see the innumerable manifestations of the fear in which communism holds the truth about its ability to provide for human wants.

First, there is the longing of the people of communist countries for the free world, which induces them to flee from their own lands in spite of danger, even at the risk of death. A strange reaction

to any true material happiness!

Second, there is the unconscious admission of the Soviet leaders that they are backward in technology when they shape their very slogan about it in terms of "catching up with the United States."

Third, there are the shocking, obscene red marks of actual communist inferiority visible to all who will see them: The Iron Curtain and the Wall of Shame.



In the face of these alone, there should be no need for research to kill the myth of economic challenge by the Soviets. To those of our contemporaries who do not easily fall for the jargon of the makers of systems and sophisms, it is only sufficient to point out to them the Iron Curtain and the Wall to make them understand that a regime which confines its people

behind them is *ashamed of itself* — and that such a system, far from being one that proudly challenges, is certainly one that fears both the challenge of truth and the challenge of freedom.

For those who need more evidence, let us now look at the facts of Soviet technology.

To substantiate its claims, communism naturally points to the space performances of the Soviets. But such performances are not conclusive in themselves. Soviet totalitarianism exploits its people to such a degree that, even with a general efficiency considerably lower than that of the Western systems, it may get peak results in certain favoured techniques on which it concentrates exceptional pressure; everything else being sacrificed to that goal. Results achieved by these measures are useful for propaganda, as we have seen by the propaganda use made of the Sputniks. But when so many innocents bestow on the communist regime the luster of the missiles going to the moon and forget to notice that the tramways going to the suburbs of Moscow are antediluvian, they fall into the very trap set up for them by the conjurers of the Kremlin.

A true estimate of any regime requires that the whole bulk of the economy be taken into account; and in the Soviet regime, it is necessary, in addition, to compare its achievements with those of other countries.



Lately, great stress has been put on the rates of growth of Soviet industry since 1952, which were presented as "exceptional." These rates of growth, in truth, have been brazenly inflated by guiles which were acknowledged by the Soviet economist Strumiline in 1960 and even by Khrushchev himself in his famous outburst of March 1962, when, addressing the Central Committee, he shouted: "What we need is more corn and no more falsified statistics on the production of corn!"

A large number of economists have succeeded in rubbing out the biggest trickeries from the Soviet figures and have been able to show that during the last ten years the rate of growth in *Soviet heavy industry* has reached 7 to 8 percent per year, and not 12 percent as had been claimed. That growth rate is not too bad, but there is nothing miraculous in it. France did better from 1952 to 1959. Germany and Brazil went beyond that level from 1950 to 1960. Japan beats it by 100 percent, having realized an industrial growth of 16 percent per year since 1954. The Union of South Africa keeps to 12 percent and "backward" Pakistan has reached 20 percent since 1955.

It is quite true that the rate of growth in the United States remains at 3.5 percent, but the United States is very rich and realised its "big booming" much earlier than other countries. If you start with almost nothing, puny production growth may look huge when expressed in *percentages*.

If a country built one aircraft in 1962, it has to build only two in 1963 to reach a "growth rate" of 100 percent. But if

it already builds 100,000 a year, it must build 200,000 to show the same rate.

Let's not forget that we are trying to discover the alleged special ability of communism to rapidly *modernize underdeveloped countries*. In order to prove such ability and to enhance the progress made by the bolsheviks, some people pretend that the Russia of 1917 was a "complete blank." This is pure legend. The Russia seized by communism had already 40,000 kilometers of railways, a huge oilfield at Baku, a flourishing textile industry, and electricity in the big cities. On the whole, its standing was about the one reached by the United States in 1870.

Thus, the only valid frame of comparison between American and Soviet dynamism would be one covering a 40-year span taking the bolshevik regime from 1920 to 1960, and the United States from 1870 to 1910, that is to say, with the same conditions at the starting point. With this basis of comparison, here's how Russia's growth rate holds up:

Cast Iron — the United States multiplied its production, during its 40-year span, by 11.5 percent; the USSR, by 12 percent.

Steel — The United States multiplied its production by 200 percent, the USSR by 20 percent.

Power — United States production went 80 times higher, USSR's went 40 times higher.

As to Soviet *roads*, it would be better for Russia's claims makers not to mention the subject.

From 1870 to the present, the American road network has been growing by 400 percent *every 30 years*. On the other hand, during 40 years of bolshevism, the Soviet road network has increased by only 60 percent and its quality remains the same as when described by Chekhov in 1891. The USSR, which is 40 times as big as France, today owns 60,000 kilometers of paved roads while France has 500,000 kilometers of tarred ones.

There is nothing in Soviet expansion to compare with the striking development of *railways* in Western countries. Within 20 years, during the second half of the 19th century, 20,000 kilometers of rail were established in France, and 95,000 in the United States. Only 15,000 kilometers have been established in the USSR during the 40-year period of communist power.



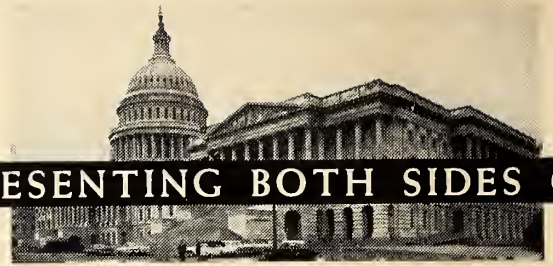
As regards the utilization of oil fields after their discovery, USSR production has multiplied only eight times in 40 years, while in Texas, for instance, it multiplied 30 times within 15 years. And Texas' rhythm of development has been outnumbered 100 percent by France in the Sahara.

Thus far we have discussed only heavy industry, which is an area mercilessly fostered by communism because it is useful to the power of the State. Yet the fate of the masses de-

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WASHINGTON PRO & CON

PRESENTING BOTH SIDES OF



THIS MONTH'S BIG ISSUE:

Mass Transportation-

PRO

Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.)



THE POLICY of the Federal government toward the various modes of transportation is, in fact, no policy at all. Instead of utilizing the inherent advantages in each mode of transportation — water carrier, airline, trucker, railroad — the Federal government often finds its programs in conflict, its agencies promoting the objectives of carriers they are supposed to be regulating, its goals obscured. As a result, a system of carriers has grown which does not perform efficiently for the benefit of shippers, the general public or the taxpayer who pays untold billions in transportation subsidies every year.

These shortcomings have helped place many of the nation's railroads at a particular competitive disadvantage. So, too, the changing patterns of urban and suburban life have placed heavy stress on the use of the private automobile at the expense of commuter railroads and buses. At one time, people traveled chiefly along high density corridors in and out of the central city. But, today, large crosstown traffic flows put heavy strain on existing mass transit facilities which are often not equipped to meet this particular kind of stress.

A resulting decline in passenger patronage on the older, traditional mass transportation forms has created a financial crisis of very real proportions for these carriers. The decline has struck particularly hard at those commuter services which are, because of fixed

facilities, limited to routes which were designated long before the change in commuting patterns.

The need to keep essential transit services in operation is vital in America's urban areas. To improve these services, to provide means of attracting commuters to mass transit, to make it possible to relieve the burden of traffic snarls and parking congestion in downtown areas, the President has proposed a three-year, \$500 million program for the modernization, rehabilitation and conversion of existing transit services.

Under the program, Federal matching grants would be made available to qualified public agencies toward the purchase of rights of way, terminal facilities and new rolling stock required to make urban mass transportation systems capable of providing both essential and satisfactory service. I am a co-sponsor of the legislation incorporating this program.

But money alone is not the answer. Unless coordinated transportation plans for urban areas are developed, I do not believe that a mass transportation spending program will succeed. I have sponsored separate legislation which has already helped complement the Administration's program on this score, and will, I hope, accomplish even more.

I am hopeful that Congress will enact a mass transportation program which will provide the initial capital improvements needed to strengthen passenger service and, at the same time, give the taxpayer the assurance his money is not being wasted in a futile struggle for supremacy between advocates of highway and mass transit programs.

Clifford P. Case

If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this big issue, tear out the "ballot" on the facing page and mail it to him----->

THE BIG ISSUES

A Federal Problem?

CON

Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D-Ohio)



THERE ARE MANY FACETS to the issue at hand which are important in arguing against a program of Federal aid to local transportation. But in the interest of brevity, I shall limit myself to the following points:

(1) There is no "national problem" in urban transportation. Witnesses appearing before subcommittees were almost all from seven or so of the nation's largest and wealthiest urban areas. These areas have programs presently in effect to deal with local transportation problems which they will carry out even without Federal aid.

(2) Local and state governments have been and are effectively dealing with the problems of local transportation. Efforts to obtain capital to improve local transportation systems through bonding, special tax assessments and other financial arrangements have been and are being worked out in many of the nation's urban areas — San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles are a few examples.

(3) The argument that local transportation should be given Federal aid because the Federal government assists or has assisted interstate carriers does not hold. Under the Constitution, the Federal government has jurisdiction over interstate carriers and does give them assistance — while generally imposing user charges to cover costs involved — because the carriers involved

are: (a) national in concept — and national in interest; (b) engaged in interstate commerce; (c) primarily in a development stage; (d) of significance to national defense; and (e) able to achieve a level of self-sufficiency after a given period of aid.

(4) A Federal aid program to local transportation will cost an estimated \$10 billion. This staggering amount will have a devastating effect on our ability to balance the Federal budget. To get funds for this program, the debt ceiling will again have to be raised or an additional tax will have to be imposed on all taxpayers — regardless of whether or not they benefit from this program.

(5) A Federal aid program to local transportation will take the initiative and responsibility from local and state governments. This will amount to another giant step in the direction of ultimate Federal control over all their activities. No matter what is said about responsibility for the proposed program being placed in the hands of local and state governments, in the final analysis, all grants and loans must be handed out on the basis of comprehensive transportation plans being *acceptable* to an administrator of a Federal agency. Federal controls and regulations will increase as the political pressures to obtain aid are felt more and more.

(6) If enacted, this program will result in the eventual demise of the nation's privately owned local carriers. Private initiative will be throttled by Federal controls and redtape, and operations will have to become municipally owned.

I have read in The American Legion Magazine for May the arguments in PRO & CON on the subject: "Mass Transportation — A Federal Problem?"

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

IN MY OPINION MASS TRANSPORTATION ☐ SHOULD
☐ SHOULD NOT BECOME A FEDERAL PROBLEM

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By **LESTER DAVID**

COREY FORD, the amiable wit and raconteur, was complaining a while back of certain subtle changes that were occurring all around him. Newspapers, he said, seemed to be printing their stories in smaller type than ever before, and people somehow were talking in softer tones than they used to employ. More stairs were being added to each flight, hills were appreciably steeper than they were years ago and, in some incomprehensible way, the blocks to the

HOW YOUR BODY *Changes With Time*

A sort of timetable of the physical changes that go on constantly in all of us.

railroad station from his house had doubled in size.

The trouble, of course, lay with Mr. Ford, who was describing the classic symptoms of the old gray mare not being what she used to be. The dew was no longer upon the rose, or putting it another way, the senses were not as keen, the reflexes not as sharp and the muscles less responsive to their owner's bidding than once upon a time.

Mr. Ford cannot claim uniqueness in his plight. All of us, at some time or another, will make the same kind of rueful discoveries. We will note, as the years march along, that the human engine, for all its amazing versatility, will undergo certain changes. It will, in short, start to show wear.

Train a closeup lens on the subject and some intriguing questions arise. At what ages, for example, do our operating parts and functions, seen and unseen, start to give trouble? Do they all begin running down simultaneously or are some more durable than others? What kind of wear and tear can we expect as normal and what must we consider premature and perhaps even dangerous? And perhaps most important of all, what can be done to defer these moments of truth as long as possible and to repair the breakdowns when they occur?

Medical science has some fascinating answers that should interest you regardless of your present age. Here, then, are facts about your personal life schedule you may never have suspected, plus some valuable tips from the experts on how to keep the human motor running efficiently for many more years.

Consider your vision. Generally, nothing of much consequence happens in adulthood until we turn the corner of 40 and skitter along toward middle life. Then, some important changes start to





If your near vision doesn't start to fuzz sometime after 40, you're hardly average.



Normal hair loss is a manly feat. Don't worry about it unless you are a woman.



The weight you wanted for high school football usually comes too late for that.

take place. Around that time, you'll begin fussing a mite when you settle down with the evening paper. Somehow, the type will seem blurred. You'll adjust the lamp, move the paper closer and then farther away, but it won't help much. Eventually, you'll head for the eye doctor.

He'll explain that you've got presbyopia and that virtually nobody can get beyond the age of 50 without exhibiting some signs of it. Actually, it's an inability to focus upon close work. Inside your eye is a tiny lens only slightly larger than the rubber tip of a pencil. Its job: To permit you to see objects clearly.

This lens, a miracle of human precision engineering, focuses automatically. It's equipped with a number of equally tiny muscles that alter its shape the instant you move your eyes, enabling you to get a sharp picture of this page, or of the person across the room, should you happen to look up suddenly.

About the age of 40, these lenses start to lose some of their flexibility. They cannot change shape as swiftly nor as efficiently as they once did. As a result, there will be an increasing inability to change focus from far to near and back again, plus a gradual blurring of closeup things.

Presbyopia and its manifestations come after many years during which your eyesight has altered very little. Many persons, not realizing what is happening or why, suspect something is seriously wrong. Be assured that the stage is perfectly normal, as inevitable as first-of-the-month bills. Generally, all

you need is reading glasses or bifocals.

And here's a phenomenon that can scare the daylights out of people unless they know what to expect. By the mid-fifties, the lens of the eye has very little flexibility left, and we must rely upon glasses for focusing. Suppose, then, that a man this age is wearing bifocals. The bottom lens is focused for reading, the upper part for viewing at a distance. Now the reading lens doesn't work beyond about 18 inches, while the distance one can only sharpen things several feet away. Between these two points lies a blind spot. When a book is held some 18 inches from the bifocals, the print will suddenly disappear from view. Brought closer, or held still farther away, it reappears. The experience can be unnerving if you come upon it without warning.

Trifocals — glasses with three lenses — can give you sharp focus in the in-between ranges from 27 to 50 inches. Incidentally, trifocal wearers report it's easier to get used to these glasses than bifocals, because the change from one range to the other is not as sharp.

Here are some wise steps to take if you want to preserve good vision according to Better Vision Institute: Give yourself an "eye break" every once in a while to relax your optics. Read and work in adequate light. Get a good eye checkup at least once every two years if you are between 20 and 40, and once a year thereafter, so that new glasses may be prescribed if necessary and any trouble caught in time.

Now let's move from the eyes to the

ILLUSTRATED BY BOB BUGG

ears. Up to the age of 40, the normal man will catch all the normal sounds in a normal way. He may not want to hear some of them, but there isn't much he can do about his well-functioning apparatus beyond stuffing it up. After 40, however, he will lose some of his hearing with each passing year. Not much, but some.

The decline begins with the ability to detect the higher pitched sounds, then spreads downward to the lower tones. For example, a man moving into his sixties will find it more and more difficult to distinguish tones above high C in the musical scale.

Now here is a surprising fact. Men lose their hearing for tones of high frequency before women of similar ages — but women lose their ability to detect the low tones earlier than men. Doctors can't figure out why, so don't you try. Incidentally, the female decline proceeds at a slower rate than the male, therefore on the average, women in the later years can hear better than men.

At this point you may be wondering how you can spot a hearing loss. If it's the normal kind, you can't. The ebbing is so gradual that you simply don't realize it is occurring. Only a skilled specialist using an audiometer — an instrument that measures hearing — can tell.

But hear this! Experts point out that you can test yourself and determine if your hearing loss has progressed beyond the normal to the point where you ought to seek help. Check yourself on the following:

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By KENNETH CROTTY

THE NIGHTMARE started for Basil Izzi of South Barre, Mass., a member of the U.S. Navy Armed Guard crew of the former Dutch luxury liner *Zaandam*, exactly 21 years ago next November.

You can search the records and you'll find very little to parallel it in the annals of the Navy.

At 4:30 on the afternoon of November 2, 1942, the *Zaandam*, en route from Capetown, South Africa to New York City, took two torpedoes from a German submarine. She went down less than an hour later.

The *Zaandam* at that time was over 300 miles off the Brazilian coast (see map). She was in use as a combination merchant and transport ship at the time and carried 400 crew members and passengers. Many of the passengers were United States sailors who had survived previous torpedoings.

Basil Dominic Izzi was 19. He had recently graduated from South Barre High School where he had been the star second baseman on the school's baseball nine. He was a short, rugged youth who had been in the Navy only a brief time. His dark good looks bespoke his Italian ancestry. Seaman Izzi was the pointer of the ship's biggest gun. It was a responsible position, and he had won the respect of his gun crew officer, Ensign James Shaw Maddox.

When the torpedoes hit, Basil Izzi leaped from the stern and for three days wallowed about in the sea, keeping afloat by clinging to whatever wreckage drifted within his reach. On the evening of the third day, he clambered onto a small raft with four others. For the following 80 days Basil Izzi drifted aimlessly on that raft, until January 24, 1943, when the raft was sighted by a United States patrol boat. During that time the raft had drifted more than 2,200 miles. All food and water had long been gone. Two of the five men aboard the raft had died.

This year Basil Dominic Izzi will be 40. His hair has whitened prematurely, but his wiry body hasn't added much weight. He runs a Flying A gas station in his native South Barre, right on the main street and just past the mill. He does a thriving auto repair business. He has never married. He lives in the same house on Powder Mill Road where he left his mother and dad and the rest of the Izzi family to join the Navy in 1942.

A Past Commander of the South Barre American Legion Post No. 409, Izzi is serving his third year as a selectman in South Barre. His neighbors like him. He is a quiet, well-adjusted fellow whose face will break into a quick smile. The years have erased some of the black memories of his nightmare on the open

sea, but he has never gotten over his aversion to salt water, although he admits today that a boat trip to Bermuda might be nice.

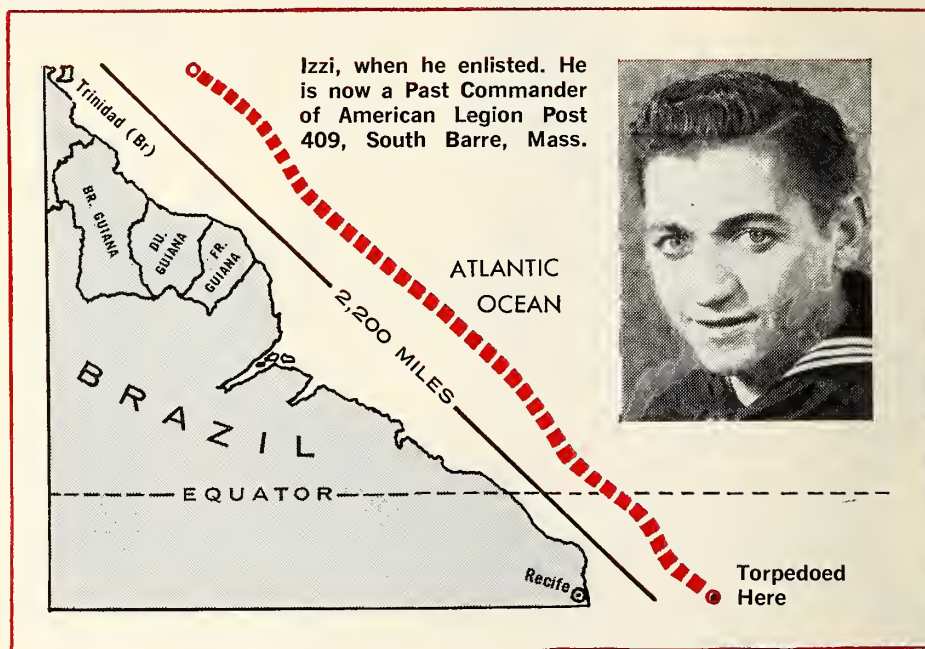
He is called upon to recount his experiences before civic and patriotic groups. He has no great objection to retelling his story. He has told it hundreds of times. He will undoubtedly tell it countless more times in the years to come. But there are certain parts of his story which he prefers to forget, even after 20 years.

It was a pleasant day at sea aboard the *Zaandam* on that afternoon in November. The sun was bright and there was a soft breeze on the forward deck. Although these were dangerous waters, the war seemed far removed. Izzi and a few of his mates were below deck playing gin rummy. The boys weren't playing for money. They were saving that for their leave in New York, so it wasn't much of a game.

At 4:15 that afternoon a radioman named Lorenzo stuck his head in the cabin. "We're 300 miles off the coast of Brazil," he told them. "That means we'll make New York before Thanksgiving."

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ORDEAL AT SEA



How do you like them apples?"

"Okay," Izzi said, "so we'll be off again before Christmas. So scram."

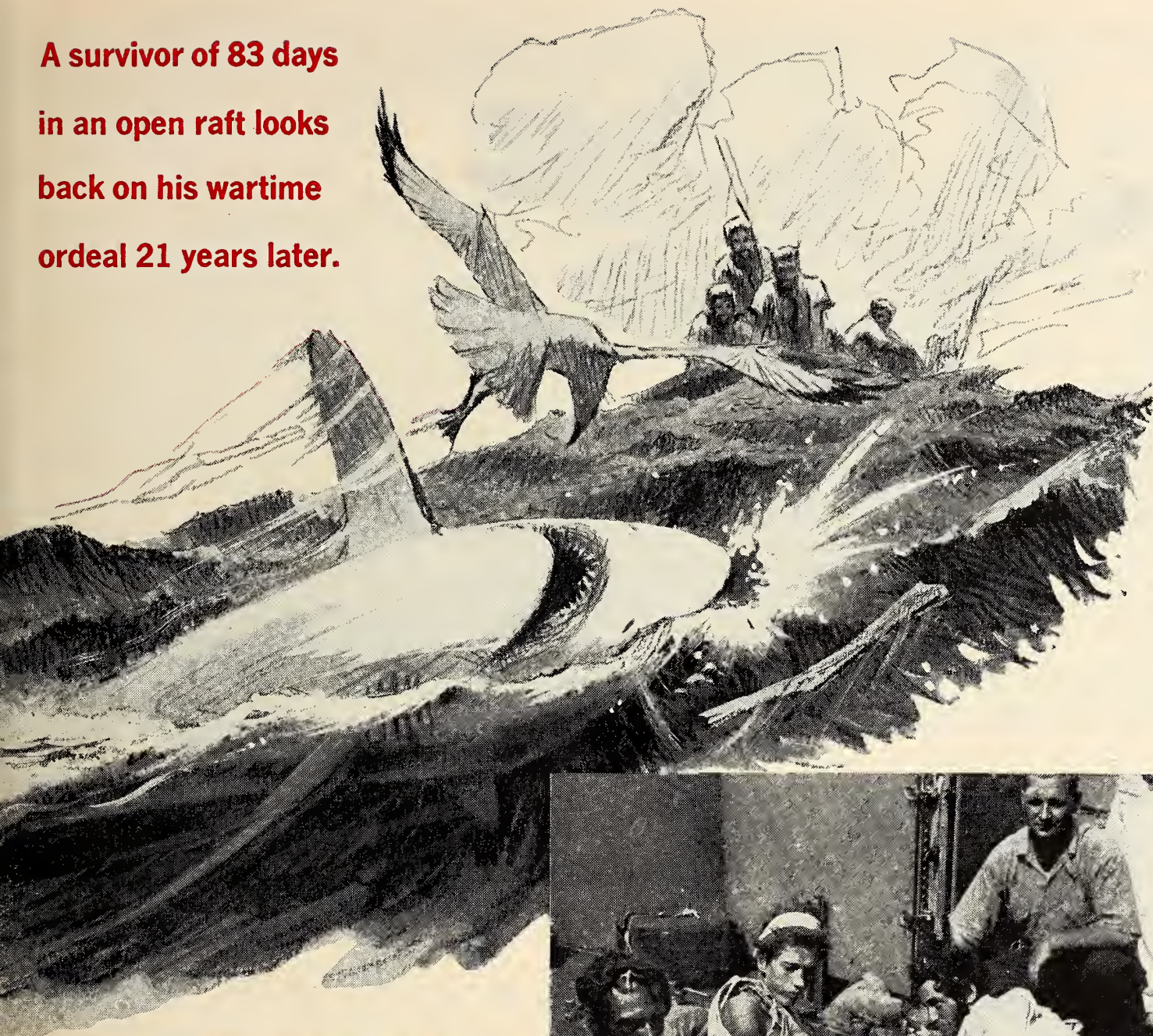
It was 4:30 now and Izzi and his companions were still playing cards. His pal, Emile Joudy, of Lawrence, Mass., was in the head taking a shower. Then, bam, the roof started to fall in on them.

"Holy cow," said Izzi, jumping to his feet, "we've been hit. Right under us."

They rushed up on the deck, forgetting Joudy, who was still in the shower. Izzi was wearing only a pair of shorts when the tin fish struck. He ducked into the ship's laundry which was nearby and grabbed the first shirt he saw. It was the captain's.

The second torpedo struck before Izzi got topside. The word "torpedoes" is just an expression to most people. It does not get across the terrific blast, the blinding sheet of flame that accompanies it, the shattered bulkheads and mangled bodies.

**A survivor of 83 days
in an open raft looks
back on his wartime
ordeal 21 years later.**



The bird teased the shark and the men.

"Funny," says Izzi, "the things that pop into your head at a time like that. I ran up through the bedlam and the mess and all I could think of was that line in a poem I'd learned in school —'the boy stood on the burning deck'."

Izzi raced to the stern. There, by the sheerest luck, he found his pal Joudy, who had managed to get out of the shower. The *Zaandam* was already sinking by the bow. The stern was rising higher and higher out of the water. Izzi debated a moment whether to jump from the stern, which was now some 35 to 38 feet above the sea, or scramble forward and walk into the water.

A shudder from the ship's innards decided him. He yelled to those below to watch out, then grabbed a life preserver from the deck and jumped.

A shipmate jumped behind him and landed on top of Izzi in the water.

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The survivors on board the Navy Patrol Craft that rescued them after 83 days on the South Atlantic. Left to right: van der Slot, Hoogendam, Izzi.



Rep. W. J. Bryan Dorn, S.C., acting Chmn, House Veterans Affairs Committee, poses against a background of Legionnaires gathering on March 12 for the

Nat'l Commander's presentation of the 1963 Legion vets benefits program in the Old House Office Bldg. Committee Chmn Teague, Texas, was absent.



Sen. Wayne Morse, Oreg., (left) and Sen. John G. Tower, Texas, appeared before the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission. They offered divergent views on what should be done about the Soviet military and the Castro regime in Cuba. Morse, cautious; Tower, militant. For other briefings of the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission see photos on page 33.

Five Days in **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

From March 10 to 14, Legion officers, advisory bodies and service staffs swapped views and information on basic programs with top U.S. experts.



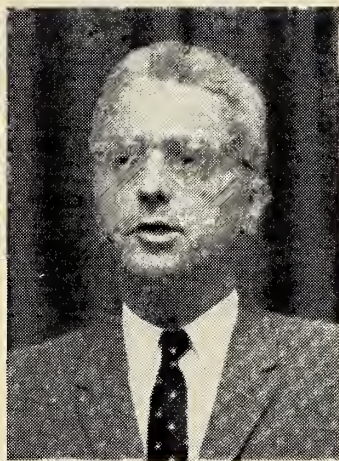
Rep. Carl Vinson, Ga., dean of the U.S. House of Representatives, has spotlight at Legion's March 13 dinner to the U.S. Congress. See also color cover photo.



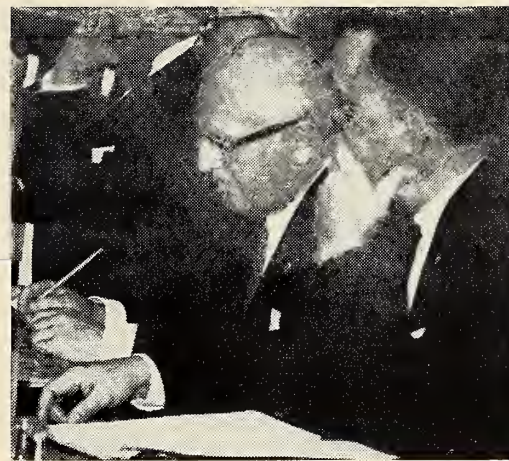
American Legion National Commander James E. Powers completed a hectic week in robust form.



Senator Barry Goldwater, Ariz., briefs the Legion's National Security Commission on the concern in Congress over the management of the U.S. Defense Department.



Chairman of the 3-man U.S. Civil Service Commission, John W. Macy, Jr., preps Legion Economic Comm'n on vets' jobs with Federal gov't.



Harold Cummins, III., takes notes while Arnold Swanson, N. Y., listens intently during meeting of Legion nat'l Legislative Commission of which both are members. More Legislative pix, p. 32.

The photos here, and on the next nine pages, give a glimpse of the huge annual American Legion Washington Conference held in Washington, D.C. March 10-14, which was actually not one conference, but dozens of different events, all going on at the same time.

Social highlight of the meetings was the Legion's enormous dinner to the Congress of the United States, at the Park Sheraton Hotel, Wed. March 13, so well captured in our color cover photo by Chase Studios, of Washington.

Another major event was the presentation of the Legion's veterans' benefits legislative program for 1963 to the House Veterans affairs Committee (photos top left, facing page, and top photos, page 28).

Yet another event on a big scale was the annual Rehabilitation Conference, at which hundreds of Legion service officers,

who work directly with veterans on their personal problems and legal rights, quizzed and were briefed by top officials of the U.S. Veterans Administration (bottom photos on page 28).

At the same time six of the standing national specialized policy commissions of the Legion conferred on their own subjects with top national experts and policymakers: The Foreign Relations, National Security, Legislative, Economic, Finance and Rehabilitation Commissions. It is their duty to provide the Legion with the best possible information and advice in their fields, both for Legion policymaking and for rendering Legion services.

At the same time, *special* committees of the Legion also met, such as the Special Committee on Problems of the Aging, headed by Milton Applebaum, Ill.; the National Commander's Advisory Committee; The American Legion Insurance Com-



Legion Foreign Relations Comm'n poses for State Dep't photo. Chairman, 4th right, standing, is Vermont insurance executive Emilio Iglesias.



The Legion Rehabilitation Commission, watchdog of veterans benefits, met briefly before and after the much larger annual Rehabilitation Conference. Here Rehab staff chief John Corcoran briefs the Comm'n.



Nat'l Commander Powers as he testified to the House Veterans Affairs Committee March 12, flanked by Legion Rehabilitation Comm'n Chmn Robert McCurdy, Calif., (left) and Rep. Carl Vinson, Ga., who took leave of his chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee to introduce fellow Georgian, Commander Powers, here. Powers stressed the need for vets' pension reforms, the compensation of war disabilities in proportion to their severity, a one-year reopening of WW2 and Korea life insurance, and a better break for widows of war-killed vets.

FIVE DAYS IN WASHINGTON (Continued)

mittee, headed by Judge Levi M. Hall, Minn.; a special committee on publication of an American Legion history; a special committee on Pershing Hall, in Paris, France; and other special groups seen in the photos.

Meetings of the Department Adjutants, and the Department Service Officers were held during the same five day period.

Among other highlights of the Conference were the following:

■ Sen. Barry Goldwater told the Legion's Nat'l Security Commission of doubts shared by many members of the Armed Services Committees of the House and Senate about the management of the U.S. Defense Department under Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, who, claimed Sen. Goldwater, is (1) placing an over-reliance on the concept of a pushbutton war; (2) by a

constant changing of minds about weapons is, in effect, disarming us, ie: switching from one plan to another so that production plans are repeatedly halted, and (3) is taking into the hands of the civilians of the Defense Dep't centralized control of professional military matters.

Even ahead of the recent protests over this matter in Congress, the Legion's 1962 Convention had voted to "call to the attention of the Secretary of Defense that it was the intent of the Nat'l Security Act of 1947 to establish the Department of Defense as a coordinating body, not to merge the services nor take over the operating functions of the separate services in the Department of Defense . . ."

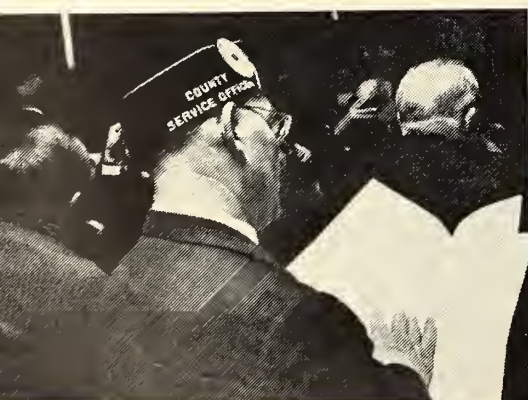
■ John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, told the Legion's Rehabilitation Conference that, with respect to the reopening of WW2 and Korea life insurance for one year, "The Veterans Administration will go right down the line with the Legion this year and fight for passage of this most necessary bill."

The insurance bill was wrecked in the House under a surprise gag rule last year. Gleason's pledge is taken as that of the President, whose representative in veterans affairs he is.

■ Chairman Olin E. Teague was absent as Nat'l Commander Powers presented the Legion's platform for veterans to the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Members of the committee congratulated Powers on the balancing by the Legion of the public interest in its requests for veterans legislation.

■ Veterans jobs were the main concern of the Legion Economic Commission. During the past year federal and state employment offices received more than 1,526,000 new veterans job applications, of which 129,000 were from disabled veterans. An increasing number of retired military personnel are going into the job market because of the diminishing value of their retirement income.

The job problems of aging and dis-



Left, one of hundreds of Legion service officers who met in the Hotel Statler for three days to quiz panels of experts from the VA Central Office (such as the



VA medical panel at right) on the manifold problems of making vets' benefits better available to veterans, on administrative problems in processing veterans' claims, and on the need for changes in vets' facilities with changing times. Aging veterans got top attention at Conference.



News media made big play of Conference. At left, above, TV cameras film Sen. Goldwater's talk to Nat'l Security Comm'n. Right, above, Russ Ward tapes on NBC Monitor radio show with William Doy'e, N. J., Legion Nat'l Security Chairman. At far right, the Legion gave a tip of the hat to the more responsible press as Nat'l Cmdr Powers gave a Legion citation to Lyle Wilson, v.p. of UPI, March 11, for 40 years of upholding American journalistic traditions.



↑ The whole 3-man U.S. Civil Service Commission visited with the Legion Economic Comm'n, guardian of veterans' employment. Civil Service Chmn Macy is shown on p. 27. Commissioner Frederick J. Lawton is seen above, right, with Legion Vet's Preference Chmn Ray McEvoy, Mass. Below, Commissioner Robert E. Hampton is introduced to the Legion group by Dr. Almo Sebastianelli, Pa., Legion Economic Chmn. Vets' employment in U.S. Civil Service was the subject.



Staff chief of vets' services for the Civil Service Comm'n is Edward Bechtold, Jr., (far left). The U.S. Labor Department watches over the rights to their old jobs of discharged

abled veterans are especially acute. Digging into these problems with the Commission were numerous government experts, including the entire 3-man U.S. Civil Service Commission, its Executive Director, Walter B. Irons; and top Labor Department experts.

■ The chief area of discussion at meetings of the Legion's Legislative Commission was the reconstruction of American Legion legislative machinery from the national level to the Posts, in order to bring the influence of the full Legion membership behind important proposals before Congress.

■ The Special Committee on the Problems of the Aging, a joint Legion body made up of members of the Economic and Rehabilitation Commissions found itself immersed, in its second year of activity, in an enormous subject.

It heard a host of witnesses on such a range of subjects as housing for the aged, medical problems of the aged,



nursing care and nursing homes, the changing responsibilities of the Veterans Administration and changing needs of veterans legislation brought on by the impact of increased age levels in the veteran population.

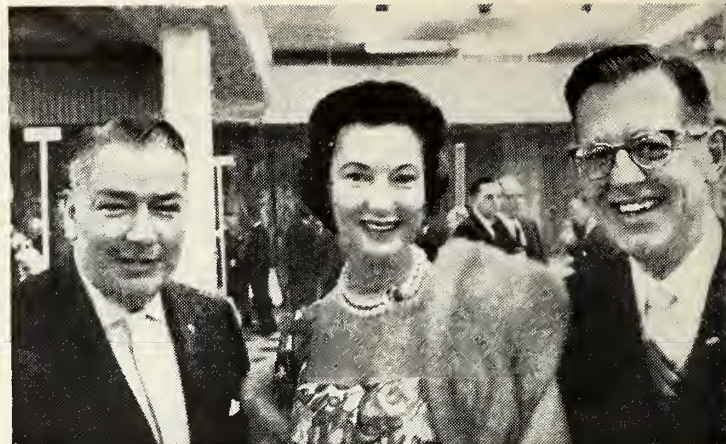
On this same subject, Nat'l Commander Powers testified to the House Veterans Affairs Committee: "The plight of the aged veteran is obvious. He becomes ill more frequently and for more prolonged periods than his younger comrades. His diseases are more likely to be chronic and debilitating. He is less able financially to bear the cost of medical care. . . . The facilities available to him are frequently below any accept-



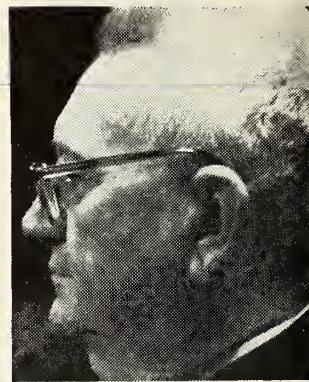
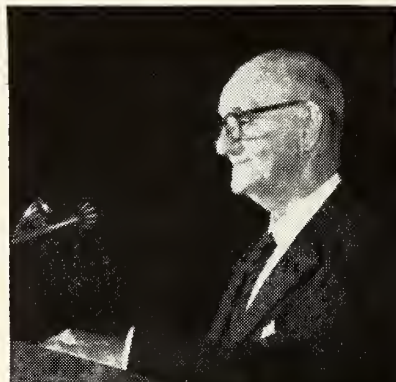
servicemen, and Hugh W. Bradley (near left) is head of its vets' re-employment rights bureau. Labor Dep't also heads a nationwide employment service for veterans, and in photo above, Edward L. Omohundro, chief of the Veterans Employment Service of the Labor Dep't, talks with Legion Economic Commission, which represents vets in appeals related to their job rights.



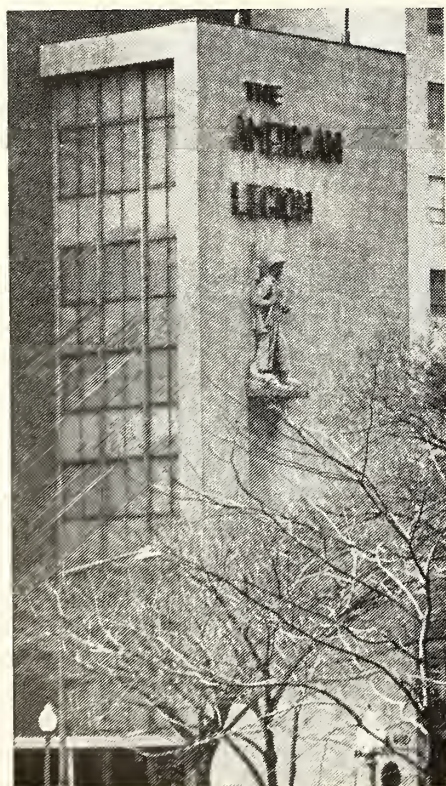
Cape Canaveral blockhouse briefing. At the close of the Conference, a large group of Legionnaires flew to Cape Canaveral, Fla., under sponsorship of the Nat'l Security Comm'n. Here they are briefed in a blockhouse at the big missile center. See photo on p. 36 also.



Cancer victim Lewis K. Gough, Calif., a Past Nat'l Cmdr, (left) urged the Rehabilitation Conference to support cancer research. His life despaired of in 1959, he said he expects to die of old age. People-to-People, Inc., cited him for work on its veterans committee throughout his illness. With him are Mrs. Gough and National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore (right).



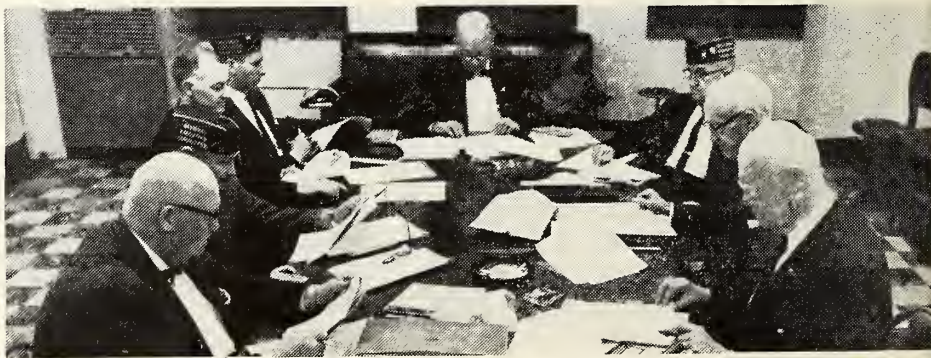
Guests of honor at the dinner to Congress at the Park Sheraton Hotel were Rep. Carl Vinson (left) eulogizing Nat'l Cmdr Powers, and Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, head of the U.S. Selective Service System (right).



Legion Washington Hq., seen here from a Hotel Statler window, was hub of activities.



Hard at work on a job that gets no headlines was the Legion's Nat'l Finance Commission, guardians of the Legion's fiscal integrity. Chmn Harold Redden, Mass., heads table.



Another taskforce, the Reorganization Committee of the Legion Nat'l Executive Committee, headed by William McKinley, N. J., who work to streamline Legion's huge structure.

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able minimum standards."

A summary of the scope of the studies of the major Legion Commissions at the Conference follows:

Rehab Conference

The annual National Rehabilitation Conference, a huge meeting of American Legion service officers, met for three days in the Presidential Room of the Hotel Statler. Here, service officers from nearly every state, whose daily work is assisting veterans in legitimate claims, met on a question-and-answer basis with a series of panels of government experts, mostly from the central office of the U.S. Veterans Administration.

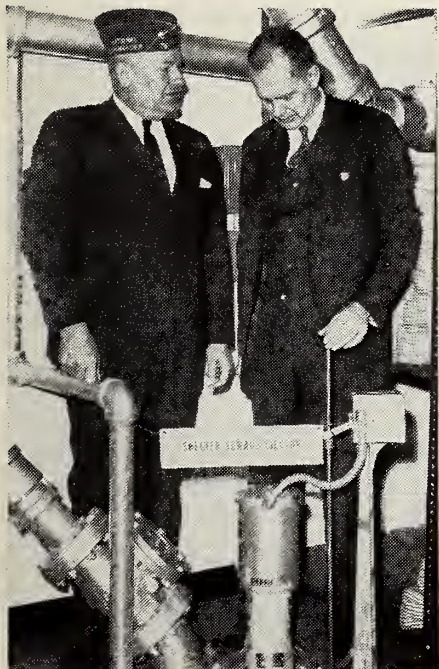
Among those appearing before the gathering of service officers were:

A 22-man panel, headed by John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, including all 12 Veterans Administration department heads, three Deputy Administrators, the Chairman of the Administrator's Advisory Council, the Deputy Chief Benefits Director, and his five executive, special and confidential assistants.

A three-man panel headed by P. J. Budd, Director of the Department of Data Management, Veterans Administration.

A two-man panel, headed by James W. Stancil, Chairman of the Board of Veterans Appeals, Veterans Administration.

An 8-man panel headed by Cyril F. Brickfield, Director of the Department of Veterans Benefits, Veterans Administration, including his Deputy and his Controller and the heads of the VA Departments of Compensation and Pension Service; Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Service; Insurance Service; Loan Guaranty Service;



A pilot Federal fallout shelter in the Legion's Washington Hq was dedicated March 11 by Stuart Pittman, Ass't Secretary of Defense, right, inspecting shelter with Cmdr. Powers.



U. S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk chats with Nat'l Commander and Mrs. Powers at a reception held by the Department of State for the American Legion's Foreign Relations Commission.



Outstanding youths in Legion Americanism programs were guests at the dinner to Congress. Left, Nat'l Cmdr Powers presents H. Pettus Randall, Jr., 1962 Boys' Nation President. Right, Patricia Ann Turner, Okla., Nat'l Legion Oratorical Contest \$4,000 scholarship winner in 1962, with Daniel O'Connor, N. Y., Chairman of the Legion's national Americanism Comm'n.



Dr. Garland Murphy, Ark., Legion Child Welfare Chmn, chats with Mrs. James E. Powers at dinner.



Wives weren't taboo. Here Mrs. Harvey Hull, Thomasville, Ga., listens at a Commission meeting with her husband and Geo. Osborne, Ga. Adj.



Seen at the Legion's dinner to Congress were, left to right, William Driver, second in command of the Veterans Administration; U.S. Senator Herman Talmadge, of Georgia, and Air Force Chief of Staff General Curtis LeMay.



Above, Clarence C. Horton, Ala., and Doris Anderson, Texas, respectively Legion and Auxiliary nat'l Legislative Chairmen.

Left, James Rule, of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, introduces the entertainment program provided by ASCAP at the Legion's dinner to Congress in the ballroom of Washington's Park Sheraton Hotel, March 13.



Meetings of the Legion's Legislative Commission open with a progress report from Nat'l Commander James E. Powers on a revitalized nationwide Legion legislative organization.



Consulting to get GI insurance reopened for a year. A group of Legionnaires from Tennessee is seen here as they called informally on Legion Legislative Director Clarence Olson, seated center, and Legislative Chairman Clarence Horton, standing center, to discuss reopening of WW2 and Korea GI insurance for a year. The Tennessee delegation took special pains with the subject because a Tennessee Congressman, Rep. Robert A. Everett, heads a subcommittee of the House Veterans Affairs Committee handling veterans insurance matters, and all action on it in the House would begin with Representative Everett's insurance subcommittee.

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and Guardianship Service.

A 10-man panel representing the Veterans Administration Department of Medicine and Surgery, headed by Acting Chief Medical Director Dr. H. M. Engle.

Special individual appearances before the Rehabilitation Conference included:

National Commander James E. Powers.
Past National Commander Lewis E. Gough, Calif. (See photo & caption page 30).

Clarence C. Horton, Ala., Chairman, American Legion Legislative Commission.

T. O. Kraabel, former American Legion Rehabilitation Director.

Alvin M. David, Director of the Division of Program and Planning, Social Security Administration.

Mrs. L. D. Johnson, Chairman, Rehabilitation Committee, The American Legion Auxiliary.

Economic

The Legion's Economic Commission, chiefly concerned with veterans' employment problems, met for 3 days, under the chairmanship of Dr. Almo Sebastianelli of Pennsylvania. Joining in its study of veteran's job problems today were:

The whole U. S. Civil Service Commission: John W. Macy, Jr., Chairman, and Commissioners Robert E. Hampton and Frederick J. Lawton.

Edward H. Bechtold, Jr. Chief, Veterans Service Staff, U.S. Civil Service Commission.

Marion Williamson (Ga.), Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies.

Edward L. Omohundro, Chief, and Marshall C. Miller, Assistant Chief, Veterans Employment Service, U.S. Labor Department.

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The Russians bugged this U.S. Seal with a microphone while it hung on our Embassy wall in Moscow. Here, State Dep't Security Officer Kenneth Knauf shows the bugging to the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission.



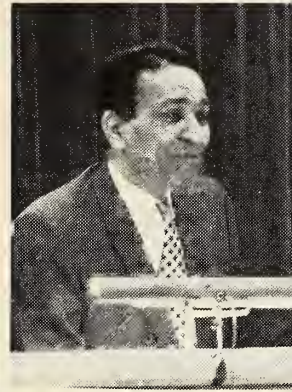
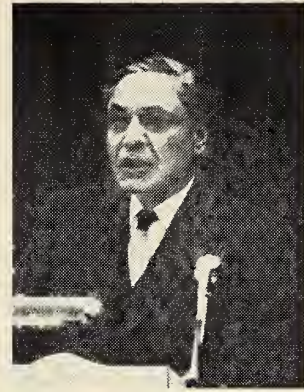
Members of the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission entering State Department.



W. Averell Harriman, Ass't Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs; Allyn Donaldson, of the Legion's Inter-American Committee and Director of the State Department's Special Consular Services; Emilio Iglesias, Legion Foreign Relations Chmn, and Past Nat'l Cmdr Erle Cocke, Jr., (Ga.) in earnest discussion at the State Department.



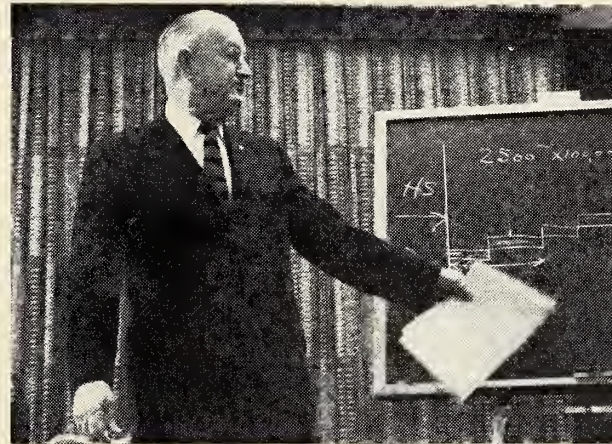
Nat'l Commander Powers inspects an Americanism Commission display of photographs of American Legion youth programs which attracted universal attention.



B. K. Nehru, left, India's Ambassador to the U.S., and M. Masood, Minister of Pakistan's U.S. Embassy, briefed the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission giving them a thorough insight into the outlook of their countries on international affairs.



Laboring on the Legion Foreign Relations agenda and report are Chairman Iglesias and Warren MacDonald, Legion Research Director who doubles as the Foreign Relations Commission's staff director.



Past Nat'l Cmdr Perry Brown, Texas, outlines a plan for an improved ROTC program in a special report to the Legion National Security Commission.



The Conference met during The American Legion's 44th Birthday Week, and this big cake, with 44 candles, was a reminder of the 1919 Paris Caucus.



Frank Johnson, editor, Washington Report of the American Security Council, takes a question from Ed Wysocki, N. J., of the Legion's Aeronautics & Space Committee, during talk to the Legion Nat'l Security group.



The Legion's Security Commission is briefed at the Pentagon by Arthur Sylvester, who, as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, is the information boss of the United States Department of Defense.



In a staff room at Langley Field, Va., Hq of the Tactical Air Command, Legion defense specialists get a report on U. S. airpower from Gen. Walter Sweeney (back to camera), among the Air Force's top planners.



Among experts who met with the Legion Nat'l Security Comm'n were (l. to r.) Maj. Gen. James Cantwell, N. J., president of the association of state adjutants general; Carl Hulschuh, exec v.p., Sperry Rand Corp., and Alexander Purdon, exec v.p., United States Lines (shipping).

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Hugh W. Bradley, Director, and W. J. R. Overath, Deputy Director, Bureau of Veterans Re-Employment Rights, U.S. Labor Department. William McCauley, Director, Bureau of Employees' Compensation, U.S. Labor Department. William P. McCahill, Executive Secretary, President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, U.S. Labor Department. P. J. Maloney, Ass't Director for Construction & Evaluation, Veterans Administration.

Legislative

The Legion's National Legislative Commission, headed by Clarence C. Horton, Ala., convened for three days to determine and review procedures for the forwarding of the Legion's desires in the field of national legislation. During the meetings, the following appeared before the Commission:

National American Legion Commander James E. Powers of Georgia. Doris Anderson, Texas, Chairman of the National Legislative Committee of The American Legion Auxiliary. Rabbi Albert M. Shulman, Ind., National Chaplain of The American Legion. Harvey V. Higley, Wisc., former head of the U.S. Veterans Admin-



Legion's Nat'l Security Commission members pause in the midst of intense briefing on national defense for a much-needed coffee break.

istration.

John S. Patterson, former Deputy Administrator (under Higley) of Veterans Affairs.

John J. Corcoran, Director, American Legion National Rehabilitation Commission.

Warren MacDonald, Director, Research Division of The American Legion.

Foreign Relations

The Legion's Foreign Relations Commission met for 3 days, under the chairmanship of Emilio Iglesias of Vermont. Sessions included a briefing at the U.S. State Department and a reception given the Commission by the State Department, attended by Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Guest speakers at the Commission's meetings included:

U.S. Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon.

U.S. Senator John Tower, Texas.

Hon. George C. McGhee, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, who, shortly afterward, was nominated to be U.S. Ambassador to West Germany.

Roger Hilsman, Jr., Director of the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence who, shortly afterward, was named Assistant Secretary of State for Far East Affairs.

Kenneth W. Knauf, Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security.

His Excellency, B. K. Nehru, India's Ambassador to the United States.

Mr. M. Masood, Minister of the Embassy of Pakistan.

Teodoro Moscoso, U.S. Coordinator for the Alliance for Progress (Latin American aid program).

Nat'l Security

The American Legion's National Security Commission, delving into the problems of national defense under the

chairmanship of William Doyle, N.J., held regular meetings and in addition had a briefing at the Pentagon and at Tactical Air Command Hq, Langley Field, Va. After the main Conference, the Commission, joined by others, flew to Cape Canaveral, Fla., to inspect the big U.S. missile and satellite launching installation there.

Experts who met with the Commission included:

U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, Ariz.

Carl Hulschuh, Executive Vice President, Sperry Rand Corp.

John Ford, Congressional Editor, Army Times Publishing Co.

Frank Johnson, Editor of the Washington Report of the American Security Council.

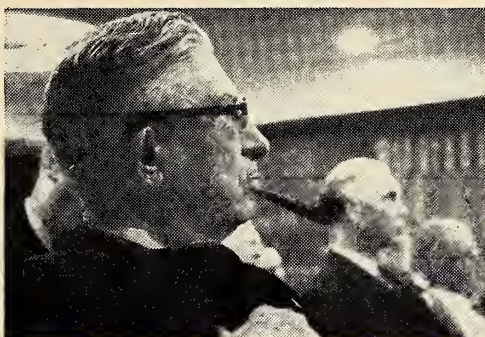
Alexander Purdon, Executive Vice President, United States Lines.

Maj. Gen. James F. Cantwell, N.J., Pres-

LEGION COMMISSION MEMBERS AT TOP LEVEL DEFENSE BRIEFINGS



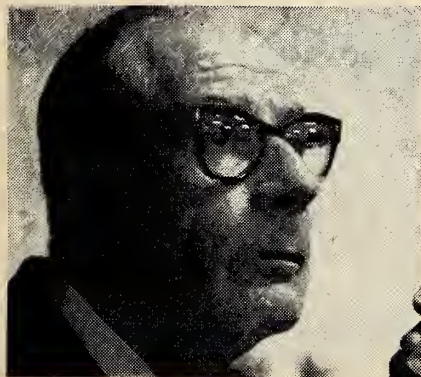
Left to right: ex-Senator Edward Martin, Pa., and Col. Frank R. Kossa, Ind., ass't chief, Administrative Division, U. S. Selective Serv-



ice System, both term members of the Nat'l Security Comm'n; Col. Edwin R. Bentley, Fla., chm'n Military Affairs Committee; Elmer W. Kuhlmann,



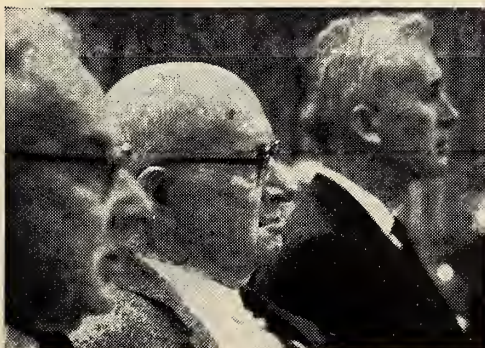
Mo., chm'n, Law & Order Committee; John F. Keenan, N. Y., member Military Affairs Committee of the Nat'l Security Comm'n.



Left to right: David Aronberg, Ky., chm'n Civil Defense Committee; Maj. Gen. George O. Pearson, Wyo., and John E. Davis, former Governor of North Dakota, both term members, Nat'l Security Commission.



Left to right: Past Nat'l Commander Seaborn Collins, N. Mex.; Emmett G. Lenehan, Wash., chm'n, Naval Affairs Committee; three-man group - George W. Fisher, Calif., William J.



Conniff, Wash., and his son William, Jr., all but Conniff, Jr., term members of the Nat'l Security Comm'n; Mrs. Opal Glynn, Iowa, Chm'n Nat'l Security Comm'n of The American Legion Auxiliary;



and Rear Adm. Maxwell G. Wells, Fla., term member, Nat'l Security Comm'n. William Conniff, Jr., was the guest of his father at the five-day Washington Conference.

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ident of the Adjutants General Association (of state adjutants general).

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director, U.S. Selective Service System.

Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Lawrence C. McQuade, special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

Norman Paul, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower.

Maj. Gen. Abbott C. Greenleaf, Management planning office, Defense Department.

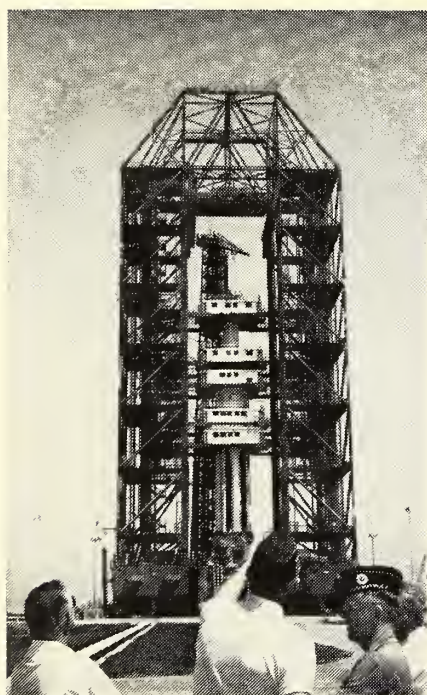
Henry E. Glass, Economic Advisor, Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

Stewart Pittman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Defense.

Maj. Gen. William K. Martin, Air Force Information Chief.

Gen. Walter Sweeney, Tactical Air Command.

CAPE CANAVERAL



At inspection of Cape Canaveral, following the meetings, four prominent Legionnaires study a Saturn moon missile. l. to r., Ex-Gov. Davis, N. Dak.; Daniel Foley, Minnesota Nat'l Exec Committeeman; and William Doyle, N. J., and Bob Bush, Iowa, chm'n and former chm'n of the Legion's National Security Commission.



More Legion defense experts. Left: Norman Lyon, Calif., Aeronautics & Space Committee; Granville Ridley, Tenn., chm'n Legion Nat'l Security Council, and Col. Roscoe Turner, Ind., chm'n Aeronautics &

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these comrades are urged to do so.

Notices are run at the request of The American Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission. They are not accepted from other sources.

Readers wanting Legion help with claims should contact their local service officers.

Service officers unable to locate needed witnesses for claims development should refer the matter to the Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission through normal channels, for further search before referral to this column.

William E. Thomas, last known address in Knoxville, Tennessee, who served in Italy in WW2, is sought as a witness to the hospitalization of **Arthur E. Brown** in Italy in 1945, to assist in establishment of a claim. Contact: Kenneth E. Trublood, Service Dep't, American Legion of Indiana, c/o Veterans Administration, 36 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis 4, Ind.

3rd Indiana Infantry, Co. K, WWI—Floyd Wesley Moore of this outfit is sought to assist in establishment of a claim. Contact: Earl Mortorff, 109 S. 1st St., Garrett, Indiana.

Guam, Saipan, 777 Army Air Corps Base Unit—Anyone who served with Corp. Stephen P. Scovic of this outfit (147AACS Squadron), please contact his widow: Mrs. Stephan P. Scovic, 3333 Harry Lee Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Guam—Naval Operating Base. The following men who served at this base in 1945 (with last known addresses) are sought to provide info that will assist in a veteran's claim handled by The American Legion: George Leroy Willett, Long Beach, Calif.; William Leon Seaton, Detroit, Mich.; William DePinto, Bronx, N. Y. and Cedric Danielian, Highland Park, Mich. Contact: Charles W. Fritz, 803 Coolidge St., New Cumberland, Pa.

NAS, Pensacola, Bronson Field, Dec. 1944—Anyone stationed with Clifford Rhodes or having knowledge of an auto accident in which he was involved at this base and date, please contact him in connection with a claim. Write: Clifford Rhodes, P.O. Box 214, Weaver, Ala.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States or Departments.

Ned Mallory (1961), Post 4, Forrest City, Ark. **James Cooper Riley** and **Clay Guy Wagster** (both 1962), Post 79, McGehee, Ark.

Earl D. Young (1958) and **B. H. Achenbach** and **Earle B. Bartlett** and **W. R. Bennison** (all 1963), Post 105, Julesburg, Colo.

Ralph T. Newlin and **William R. Shipman** and **Oden F. Smith** (all 1963), Post 69, Robinson, Ill.

Richard P. Hansen and **Sam H. Hatfield** and **Fred Heiser** and **Daniel E. Hilgartner** (all 1962), Post 348, Chicago, Ill.

Joseph J. Polak and **John Polanski** and **Herman N. Rosenberg** and **Adelbert A. Rusch** (all 1959), Post 419, Chicago, Ill.

Glenn A. Stromberg (1962), Post 775, Chicago, Ill.

Louis E. Squire (1962), Post 836, Chicago, Ill. **John O. Banks** (1950) and **Earl B. Young** (1952) and **Glenn Shrontz** (1961), Post 313, Fairmount, Ind.

Peter Lamp (1962), Post 174, Charles City, Iowa.

W. K. Crummett and **Dudley K. Dickinson** and **Harold H. Thomsen** (all 1962), Post 370, Overland Park, Kans.

M. Bijur O'Sullivan and **Solon F. Russell** and **William E. Unterreiner** (all 1962), Post 15, Louisville, Ky.

Raymond S. McCubrey (1962), Post 129, Woodfords, Maine.

Arthur A. Beaupre (1962), Post 303, Swansea, Mass.

Russell C. Killion (1962), Post 442, Cambridge, Mass.

Roy C. Cohen and **William V. Jackson** (both 1963), Post 1, Detroit, Mich.

Carl H. Nolde (1961) and **Ewald T. Nuss** (1962), Post 61, Sutton, Nebr.

William R. Nissen (1962), Post 148, Plainview, Nebr.

William J. Loughran and **Charles R. Ruf** (both 1962), Post 28, South Ozone Park, N.Y.

Fred Hart and **James P. Ludlow** and **Martin Vey** (all 1962), Post 231, Clayville, N.Y.

Allen R. Butcheri (1960) and **Walter C. Andres** and **Herbert G. Myers** (both 1961), Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.

C. Lloyd Chasey (1962), Post 333, Nunda, N.Y.

Edward R. Carney and **Rudolph Hoffman** and **John J. Kelly** (all 1960), Post 391, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Arthur E. Welscher and **Dr. Herbert L. Wilson** and **Albert W. Woods** (all 1961), Post 410, Lockport, N.Y.

Leo J. Poitras and **Harry E. Potter** and **Leon R. Reynolds** (all 1962), Post 922, Painted Post, N.Y.

Arthur Devaney (1958) and **Adolph Salmirs** (1959) and **Robert H. Block** and **Andrew Cheuces** (both 1960), Post 1072, Brooklyn, N.Y.

William J. Miles and **Walter Zdrojewski** (both 1962), Post 1322, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Harry L. Ries and **Arthur J. Steusloff** and **Homer P. Werner** and **Benjamin H. Wyant** (all 1962), Post 468, Sylvania, Ohio.

Howard C. Whitner and **Stanley G. Willever** and **Herman D. Wolff** (all 1962), Post 9, Easton, Pa.

Albert J. Berrett and **Daniel J. Brennan** and **William C. Green** (all 1959), Post 67, Pottsville, Pa.

Ralph B. Norton and **George E. Reddon** and **John L. Springsteen** (all 1963), Post 86, Susquehanna, Pa.

Harold J. Miller and **Charles Vought** (both 1962), Post 541, Catawissa, Pa.

Thomas W. O'Connor (1958) and **James B. Haldeman** and **H. Blaine Lee** and **C. Lewis Spare** (all 1962), Post 602, Spring City, Pa.

Gilbert O. Peterson (1961), Post 771, Erie, Pa.

Paul S. Dawson, Jr. (1962), Post 785, Glenshaw, Pa.

Ricardo P. Ramilo (1960) and **Harold Griffe** (1961) and **Kenneth J. Forshay** (1962), Post 10, Manila, P.I.

Louis R. J. Malo (1962), Post 2, West Warwick, R.I.

Raymond Crompton (1951) and **Frederick M. Browning** (1955), Post 15, East Greenwich, R.I.

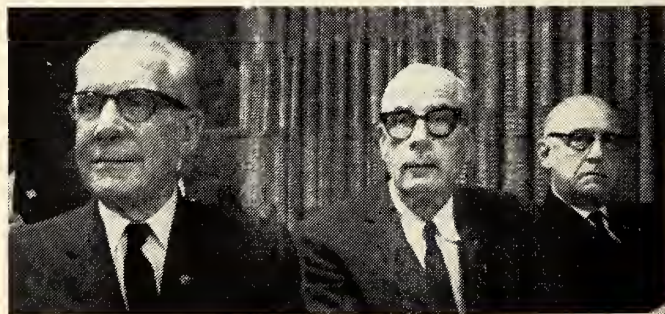
George Price (1962), Post 259, Roscoe, S. Dak.

Don B. Campbell and **Robert L. Couch, Sr.** and **Thurman J. Davis** and **Robert L. Finchum** (all 1963), Post 43, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Life Memberships are accepted for publication only on an official form, which we provide. Reports received only from Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer of Post which awarded the life membership.

They may get form by sending stamped, addressed return envelope to: "L. M. Form, American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N.Y."

On a corner of the return envelope write the number of names you wish to report. No written letter necessary to get forms.



Space Committee, and a founder of civil aviation in the U.S. Right: Henry Parke, N.Y. (chm'n), Charles Booth, Calif., (member), and William Mitchell (vice chm'n), all of the Legion Merchant Marine Committee.

★.....★ OUTFIT REUNIONS ★.....★

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars, write person whose address is given.

Notices accepted on official form only. For form send stamped, addressed return envelope to O. R. Form, American Legion Magazine, 720 Fifth Ave., New York 19, N.Y. Notices should be received at least four months before scheduled reunion. No written letter necessary to get form.

Earliest submissions favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

ARMY

- 1st Div, 2nd Field Sig Bn (WWI)—(June) W. G. Pledge, 117-24th St. No., Great Falls, Mont.
2nd Bn Trench Mortars, Bat B (WWI)—(Sept.) Clyde S. Trester, 5365 Flamingo Drive No., St. Petersburg 14, Fla.
3rd Amphib Engrs, 263rd Med Bn, Co C—(July) Ross E. Maurer, Rt. 2, Brazil, Ind.
3rd Arm'd Div—(July) Paul W. Corrigan, 38 Exchange St., Lynn, Mass.
4th Arm'd Div—(July) Ron Schumaker, 206 Johnson Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
4th Engr Special Brigade, 289th Sig Co—(July) Robert Cummins, Rt. 1, McDonald, Pa.
9th Arm'd Div, 89th Recon Sqdn—(Aug.) Chester Kulchawick, 655 Sibley Blvd., Calumet City, Ill.
21st Engrs Reg—(Aug.) Richard H. Selak, R.D. #1, Thomasville, Pa.
27th Div (WWI & II)—(Sept.) Lawrence Reagan, P.O. Box 1403, Albany 1, N. Y.
35th Inf Reg, Co F—(Aug.) Frank L. Mark, 1733½ So. 15th St., Omaha, Nebr.
32nd Div, 126th Inf Service Co (WWII)—(June) Wm. D. Zarafonctis, 944 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids 3, Mich.
39th Div, 154th Ambulance Co, 114th Sanitary Train (WWI)—(Aug.) George Bristol, 1411 Antoinette Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
50th Engrs, Co C—(Aug.) Raymond Kuhlman, Box 291, Goodland, Kans.
71st Sta Hosp., APO #6 (Korea, 1946-49)—(Sept.) John W. Onofrio, 137 Greenwood St., New Haven, Conn.
75th Div—(July) Joseph D. Feency, 9360 Ridgeway Ave., Skokie, Ill.
80th Inf Div—(Aug.) Reece Blair, 35 New Jersey Ave., Wheeling, W. Va.
80th Div, 305th Ammunition Train (WWI)—(Sept.)

- Louis Goldberg, 1032 Parkview Dr., New Kensington, Pa.
83rd Inf Div—(Aug.) Harry Lockwood, 43 Oakland St., Jersey City, N. J.
88th Div, Co D, 313th Ammunition Train (WWI)—(June) Mrs. Clark Harris, Idana, Kans.
103rd Med Bn & Reg—(Sept.) Harold H. McBurney, 347 Sunset Dr., Bethel Park, Pa.
105th Field Art'y (WWI)—(June) John W. Nicklin, 110 West 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y.
132nd Gen Army Hosp—(June) John J. Schoepf, 907 N. 18th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill.
190th Field Art'y (WWII)—(July) Mel Sober, P.O. Box 361, Sunbury, Pa.
215th CAAA—(July) Al Hallanger, 517 S.W. 8th St., Faribault, Minn.
216th AAA Gun Bn—(June) Walter F. Rahn, P.O. Box 377, Clarence, N. Y.
247th QM Depot Co—(Aug.) Jack N. McInroy, 10015 Laramie Ave., Chatsworth, Calif.
249th QM Bn, Co A, B, C & D—(Sept.) Stanley Garland, 3040 Iowa St., Pittsburgh 19, Pa.
273rd Field Art'y Bn (WWII)—(Aug.) Douglas Eichberger, Plainville, Nebr.
302nd Inf, Co L—(July) Charles C. Misner, 333 S. Knox St., Westerville, Ohio
327th Field Art'y (WWI)—(Sept.) Chas A. Campbell, 407 S. Cherokee St., Taylorville, Ill.
331st Field Art'y Bat E (WWI)—(July) Arthur M. Laemle, Box 367, Marshfield, Wis.
341st Inf, Co D—(Aug.) Larry Bennett, 15 Hob St., Newburgh, N. Y.
349th Inf, Mach Gua Co (WWI)—(June) Glenn M. Ricketts, 219 N Guthrie St., Gibson City, Ill.
351st AA Radar Searchlight Bn—(June) Philip G. Karg, 855 Grove St. So., Hutchinson, Minn.
351st Inf, Mach Gun Co—(Sept.) Henry J. Reinners, Mallard, Iowa
355th Inf Reg (WWI)—(Sept.) Albert Schwarz, 1731 E. Manor Dr., Lincoln, Nebr.
406th Telegraph Bn—(June) Charles W. Hale, P.O. Box 31, Wayne, Pa.
409th Inf, Co D—(July) Howard Bohmer, 11003 Cemetery Rd., Erie, Mich.
551st MP Escort Guard Co—(July) James H. Stansell, 507 Pearman Dairy Rd., Anderson, S. C.
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634th QM Laundry Co—(Aug.) James A. Corbin, 543 Skyview Dr., Nashville, Tenn.
761st Field Art'y Bn (WWII)—(Aug.) Joseph Kostelic, 666 Lindsay Rd., Carnegie, Pa.
786th Engr Petroleum Distrib Co—(Aug.) Julian A. Cline, 1610 Norfolk Lane, Falls Church, Va.
809th Tank Dest Bn—(Aug.) Andrew Novacek, 424 2nd St., West Newton, Pa.
817th Tank Dest Bn—(June) Richard Timm, Smith Trl Ct., Poplar St., Sayre, Pa.
861st Field Art'y Bn (WWII)—(July) Arthur W.

- Lee, 210 Union Bank Bldg., Bellevue, Ohio
1620th Med Sec Hq Co (Camp McCoy, Wis.)—(July) William O. Haldy, 6435 Medicine Lake Rd., Minneapolis 27, Minn.
Fort Robinson, Nebr., (Former Personnel)—(July) Ed Biganski, Rte 1, Box 23, Chadron, Nebr.
K-9 (Fort Robinson, Nebr.)—(Aug.) Floyd Hissam, Crawford, Nebr.
MP (Los Angeles)—(Aug.) Ross Scoggins, Rt. 1, Sperry, Okla.
Original 120 (WWI)—(Sept.) Mrs. Fred C. Samble, 203 East Longmeadow Rd., Hampden, Mass.
WAC—(Aug.) Miss Isabel Slack, 49 Kimball Beach Rd., Hingham, Mass.

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- 3rd Special Seabees—(July) R. B. Anderson, P.O. Box 882, Lake Wales, Fla.
25th Special Seabees—(Aug.) Clyde F. Sheppard, 565 Thomas St. Extension, Kirwin Heights, Bridgeville, Pa.
45th Seabees—(June) Edward D. Kramer, Box 5111, Grosse Pointe Farms 36, Mich.
63rd Seabees—(Aug.) Stewart F. Robertson, 35 East Washington, Lombard, Ill.
82nd Seabees, 519th CBMU—(Aug.) James Greenwood, RFD 1 Box 44B, Forked River, N. J.
87th Seabees—(Aug.) Ted Marienthal, Sr., 6701 S.W. 28th Court, Miramar, Fla.
U.S. Naval Hosp (Staff Personnel, Seattle, Wash.)—(July) Anthony J. Hudc, 620 Kentucky St., Racine, Wis.
USS Alchiba (AKA 6)—(May) Robert Travis, 438 East 5th St., South Boston, Mass.
USS Capella (AK-13), NSD #3149 (Samaar), USS Wyoming—(Sept.) William Junod, 302 Landis Ave., Oaklyn 6, N. J.
USS Mount Vernon (WWI)—(Sept.) William J. McKee, 22 Wolcott St., West Medford, Mass.
USS Neville (WWII)—(Aug.) Robert E. Tingle, Box 97, Atkinson, Nebr.
USS Philadelphia, CL-41—(Aug.) Frank J. Amoroso, 93 Dunbar St., Somerset, N. J.

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- 7th Aviation Field Depot Sqdn—(July) Thomas J. Stallsmith, 2041 Avalon Rd., Dubuque, Iowa
467th Bomb Grp, 788th, 789th, 790th, 791st Bomb Sqdns—(Aug.) Adam Soccio, 357 Midland Ave., Garfield, N. J.
4500th Base Unit (S.G.), Sec P.B. (Venice, Fla.)—(July) Orville M. Freeman, 500 W. Jenterson, Medicine Lodge, Kans.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mexican Border—(June) Warren D. Hanscom, 2512-16th Ave. W., Bradenton, Fla.
Military Railway Service—(Sept.) Milton C. Jones, 757 E. 16th St., Houston 8, Texas
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"Rules" For Fishing?

Attempts to reduce the catching of fish to rules of science seem, after hundreds of years, to have produced nothing more than notions, not rules.

There is one notion that is absolutely true. To catch fish you must fish where fish are. This is so ABC that it hardly ranks as a scientific discovery. But it is such total truth that study of where the fish which you seek are apt to be, at any particular time, is the most fruitful application of intelligence as a substitute for luck in fishing.

There is a notion that you must fish for your fish *when they are feeding*. There is no such rule. Salmon do not feed on their spawning runs, but nearly all salmon taken on flies are taken then. They strike for reasons of their own, but to feed is not one of them. Few freshwater gamefish are apt to strike in clear, shallow water with the sun high, but may be taken in the same water when they come in to feed with the sun low or down. Yet if you can find them in dark places, under lily pads or rocks or logs or in deep water, you just never know whether they will or won't strike at high noon. They certainly will, sometimes, though they are not foraging for food. The chief reason why they don't strike in clear, shallow water at high noon is that they seldom are there then, unless they are spawning or brooding. Most of them don't like to be in the bright light.

There's a notion that your lure should *imitate the food the fish are feeding on*. What a fish will strike at is up to him. Lures which look like nothing that any fish ever ate have caught such whoppers that this notion has no semblance to a rule.

There's a notion that the lure should be presented *naturally*. Trout have struck flies moving upstream, bass have taken cast lures out of the air, perch have grabbed worms jiggling up and down as no worm can jiggle.

The most successful fishermen do not have any pat rules that they could read to you out of a book. Instead, they have a general understanding of fish and their habits, and of the particular waters that they fish, that is far too complex to boil down into any neat 1, 2, 3 order.

WINCHESTER'S NEW DEAL is the Model 101 double-barrelled over-under shotgun, made in Japan. It comes only in 12 gauge at present, next year in 20 gauge also. It's very handsome with engraving, a single selective trigger and a ventilated-rib barrel. Price is about \$250. Winchester has two new calibers, too: a .300 Winchester Magnum that ballistically beats the current .300 Holland & Holland Magnum, and a .284 Winchester. The former will be chambered in the Model 70. The latter, similar ballistically to the .270 and .280, has the advan-

tage of a short shell which will enable its chambering in the Model 88 and 100.

A HOOK SHARPENER should be in every angler's tacklebox. Experts claim half of all missed strikes are due to dull hooks. Point them until they prick your finger at a touch. When you forget or lose your hone, use the suggestion of Wilfred Beaver of Chicago, Ill. Sharpen the points with the abrasive paper on paper book-matches.

IRON CURTAIN HUNTING is for capitalistic bank accounts. In Czechoslovakia, reports E. T. Rattray in the East Hampton (N. Y.) Star, a party of 12 hunters can bag 1,500 pheasants for \$2,200. A bear costs \$1,300 if you get him; \$600 if you hit and lose him; \$100 if you shoot and miss. Woodcock cost \$50 each. In Hungary, geese are price-tagged at \$15 each. Deer are priced according to the weight of their antlers; one with 25-lb. antlers costs \$3,050! Needless to mention, with such a deal spikehorns are illegal. If you shoot a deer, wound it and it gets away, you pay \$500. If you miss, it costs only \$50. In the good old U.S. a hunter, after shooting, quickly yells, "I hit him!" Over there it's smarter to yell, "I missed!" It's cheaper.

INTERCOM ON WINGS is the latest wildlife gadget. If you shoot a Montana sharp-tailed grouse next fall and discover it's lugging a tiny transistor transmitter, don't call the FBI. It's part of a state project to track the birds and discover their preferences in terrain, cover and food.

SELF-STABBED SPORTSMEN are among the outdoor casualties every season, and this type of accident isn't as rare as you think. For the outdoorsman who wears his sheath-knife on his belt either forward or rearward of his hip, Patrick Mulcahey of Columbia, S.C., suggests following a safety



tip used by old-time backwoods guides. Carry your sheath-knife on your belt directly in the *center* of your back. Then should you fall, you won't get stabbed. (At least, not where it's serious.)

FISH DECOYS will help you catch more fish, says R. J. Nicholson of Greensfork, Ind., and they're easy to set up. Stores sell goldfish in plastic bags full of water. Just

replace the goldfish with regular bait minnows or shiners, and lower the plastic water-bag until it hangs near your baited hook. The minnows will swim around in the bag and the big fish will try to get them. They won't succeed, but they'll get the one on your hook. Incidentally, the goldfish work better than minnows.

FIREBALL is the accurate title of a new handgun and cartridge being made by Remington, which is getting back into the small firearm business after many years. It's literally the hottest cartridge to date, .221 caliber which is a shortened version of the .222 Remington, well-known for its amazing accuracy. The handgun is single-shot and has a bolt action like Remington's Model 722 rifle. This action in a handgun is a major revolution.

NIGHT-LIGHT SHOOTING of raccoon or bobcat treed by hounds seems easy but it isn't. The bright light is held on the animal but there is none to illuminate the rifle's sights so you can align them. If the light is



held behind you, then the sights become too bright. As a result, the desirable quick clean kill isn't always possible. But William Fasce of Manchester, N. H. has a remedy he developed for fast shots at darting rats at night around the town dump. He fastens a flashlight under his rifle, shimming it until his bullets strike dead-center in its light beam at 25 ft. Then he just centers his light on a rat (or 'coon or bobcat) and fires without looking at the sights. He can't miss.

DIGGING WORMS for bait, according to David Horner of Hanna, Ind., is old-fashioned. Mix warm water and detergent as though you were going to wash some dishes, then pour it over a likely patch of worm-ground and let it sink in. After about five minutes the night crawlers will come steamin' up for air. We'd like to add that a mixture of ammonia and chlorine-bleach or household ammonia will work too. Wash the worms in fresh water afterward.

ROLLING TARGET for rifles, handguns and shotguns is suggested by Gene Zimmerer of Lindsay, Neb. Take an old automobile tire, cut a circular piece of cardboard to fit its open center, and paint a target on it. Then take it to the top of a slope and have a friend start it rolling down on signal. If you stand a distance away on the center of the slope, you'll get a number of shots at it as it bounces down.

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HOW YOUR BODY CHANGES WITH TIME

(Continued from page 23)

Do you:

Prefer the television set turned up a little louder than anyone else in the room likes it?

Find that you constantly are asking people to repeat words or phrases in closeup conversation?

Have trouble determining where a sound is coming from?

Hear better in noisy places than quiet ones?

Find that harsh, loud noises actually seem painful?

Discover that at one moment you can't seem to make out what someone is saying to you, and the very next moment notice that he seems to be shouting?

Habitually turn one side of your head toward a speaker?

Pucker your brow and scowl—perhaps without realizing it—while straining to catch what people are saying?

Find it hard to hear at the movies, in church or other public places when others don't seem to be having trouble?

If you answered yes to two or more of the questions, it might pay to consult a physician. Much can be done medically to halt further deterioration of hearing. In addition, remarkable advances have been made in hearing aids that are far cries from the cumbersome ones of a few years back. In the past half-century, these devices have increased 300 percent in power, while their size has shrunk until now they are so tiny that they can be worn in eyeglasses, tie clasps and other items of jewelry, virtually defying detection.

Recently, a patent was granted for a hearing aid concealed in a man's pipe. When a man wants to hear more clearly, he puts the pipe between his teeth — and he can smoke at the same time. One laboratory is now working on a device so small that it will fit into a back tooth!

Want more facts about your hearing timetable? Your ears function differently at different times of the day, reports the American Hearing Aid Association. Studies show that hearing is keenest around 7 a.m. and dullest shortly after noon. There's a definite falling off of hearing ability right after meals, and you'll find your ears more acute on days when you eat lightly.

Light exercise heightens your hearing, while a strenuous game of handball or similar exertion lowers it. Your emotions, oddly enough, can influence your hearing. Hard of hearing persons report an extra loss on days when they are nervous or upset. Grief and fright often result in a sharp hearing drop in persons with ear defects.

Your skin follows a timetable that's almost as accurate as the New York Central's. As early as the second decade

you can spot fine little wrinkles on the upper and lower lids of the eyes. Peek at a young child and you won't see them, then study the face of a teenager. In the early twenties, small fan-like wrinkles show up in the corners of the eyes. Just about this time, the following lines will appear on the face: A deep fold running from the exterior of the mouth to the nose, horizontal wrinkles on the forehead and vertical lines between the eyebrows.

Dr. Martin Gumpert, in his book "The Biology of Aging," tips you off on what to expect in the decades that follow:

In the forties — these main wrinkles of the face will deepen and enlarge more.

In the fifties — the skin of the neck will become increasingly flabby, lacking the taut look of earlier years.

In the sixties — a network of wrinkles will develop at the back of the neck.

By the age of 50, the skin on the back of the hands has lost a good deal of its former elasticity. Here's how you can check to see if your skin is aging on schedule or is younger than your years: Pinch a fold of skin on the back of a hand, then watch what happens. In a man of 50, the fold will stay upright for a fraction of a second, then descend at a fairly slow rate. In younger people, the fold will drop instantly.

How about your dental timetable? Civilization has played a dirty trick on all of us. Actually, our choppers were intended to last an entire lifetime. Experts point to the powerful protection with which nature has provided them — the hard layers of dentine, an ivory-like substance forming the body of the tooth — layers which are covered by even harder layers of glistening enamel.

But nature goofed. She could not foresee that, to tickle his palate, man would concoct tasty vittles which would bathe his precious teeth in sugary and acid substances that would literally dissolve the enamel, eat through the dentine and lay the entire tooth wide open for infection.

Nor did nature, in all her wisdom, figure that man would use his teeth less and less for survival and rely more and more upon tools his brain would think up. If you were a rhesus monkey, you'd have no dental problems. You would have absolutely perfect tooth structure because you would depend upon your teeth to stay alive. You'd crunch, bite, tear, and rip, exercising them so constantly that they would remain strong and powerful as long as you needed them.

But since you're a Homo sapiens who'd rather eat tasty chow and cut down a tree with an axe instead of your teeth, you must resign yourself to losing

MEN PAST 40

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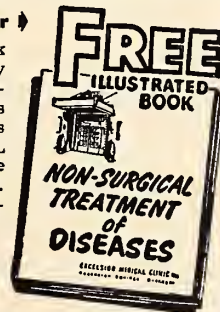
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What's in store for you, dentally speaking? Judging by national averages, men at the age of 24 have seven teeth in what dentists call the DMF category — that is, decayed, missing or filled. By the time you hit the retirement age of 65, you can look forward to having 26 of your standard complement of 32 teeth D, M or F.

The American Dental Association says that the usual prospect is that five teeth are lost by the time an individual reaches his 21st birthday. After that, according to Dr. Louis I. Dublin, the famed statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., he can expect to part with one tooth every 2½ years.

If you're interested in determining whether you're ahead, behind or keeping even with the national average dental timetable, consult the following chart which we have drawn up, based on the above figures. Count crowns, jackets and filled teeth as your own. The table is based on broad general averages and you personally may be way above or way below the estimate given here:

Age	Teeth you should have left
21	27
23.5	26
26	25
28.5	24
31	23
33.5	22
36	21
38.5	20
41	19
43.5	18
46	17
48.5	16
51	15
53.5	14
56	13
58.5	12
61	11
63.5	10
66	9

If you found you aren't doing too well, cheer up, for this is one timetable you can slow down. The American Dental Association declares that dentistry has made such rapid strides in recent years that you should be able to keep the teeth you have for the rest of your life.

For your part, watch your *diet* and your *brushing*. Eat liberal amounts of food rich in vitamins, minerals and protein. Be sure to include the following in your daily diet: milk and milk products, meat, fish or poultry, eggs, butter or fortified margarine, fruit and vegetables and bread and cereals. These are not only good for your teeth but excellent for the rest of you. Brush your teeth right after eating, rinsing when brushing isn't possible. Brush upper teeth downward, lower teeth upward and surfaces with a scrubbing stroke. Finally, take care of

trouble right away and get regular check-ups.

For his part, the dentist has many new weapons. He has longer-lasting filling materials at his disposal and newer, stronger substances with which to build crowns and bridges. He can save more abscessed teeth than ever before by the use of antibiotics. New medications give him much better odds on saving teeth through root canal work. And if he catches it in time, he can cure periodontal or gum disease, the largest cause of tooth loss in adults.

Now for the hair. Nature lets you keep the color of your locks until you slide into the forties. Thereafter, for 20 years, they steadily lose pigmentation until, by the early sixties, all color is generally gone. However, the timetable is frequently upset by some lucky — or unlucky — individuals. On the one hand, a few will keep their hair color until an advanced age, while still others will start looking like gray-haired men of distinction in their twenties.

There are two major kinds of baldness — premature and the kind that comes with aging. The premature type is the most common, and worrisome, to a man. It occurs during the twenties and thirties and is not accompanied by any known disease — it just happens. The hair is lost in a characteristic pattern; it starts to recede over each eye and at the same time begins thinning on top. The receding and the thinning continue until one day you toss away your comb.

If the men in your mother's family were prematurely bald, your own hair will be voted most likely to recede. That's because the tendency toward premature baldness is hereditary, and is handed down through the mother. How can you keep your hair as long as possible? Experts tell you to wash it regularly, brush with a moderately stiff brush and massage daily for five minutes. If you have a normal scalp, you can wash it as often as you wish. Oily scalps must be dried thoroughly while dry scalps should be washed only every two to three weeks, followed by drying and application of a bland oil or ointment.

The second type of baldness accompanies advancing age. Thinning generally occurs in the fifties and sixties and affects both men and women. You should know that the oldest drug prescription on record is for the loss of hair and that the American Medical Association has stated that "little more is known today about the actual cause, control or cure of baldness than was known then." Therefore, the best course is to follow the advice in an A.M.A. publication: "Take care of your hair while you have it — and forget about it when it's gone!"

While the majority of people are pretty closemouthed on the subject of sex except among close friends, many

youngsters like to exaggerate their sexual drive, while oldsters joke about its complete absence. The oldsters, too, are exaggerating.

A man's sex drive naturally diminishes with age, though not as drastically as many believe.

The sex drive in men is strongest in the late teens and it tapers off very gradually with age. Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's famous study showed that moderate sexual activity in men in their mid-fifties is the rule, while Dr. Mary S. Calderone, one of the country's foremost authorities on sex and marriage, notes that: "Many men continue an active life until they are 60, 70 and over."

People who wink about a young wife's supposed infidelity when they read occasional news reports of men in their seventies or eighties begetting children are not on the solid ground that their taste for gossip may lead them to believe.

Most men first notice the decline in the sex drive in the decade between 40



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and 50 — probably because it is about then that sex is no longer the master that it once was, and is approaching the more easily controllable level.

Some men panic when they notice this, fearing that they are about to become sexually bankrupt overnight. It isn't true, and the tendency toward unreasonable worry about it is a danger to good mental health.

At about what age can you expect to begin to creak a mite in the joints? Your joints are engineered to perform well and painlessly for a full half-century. After that, they may wear a bit. The result: Some aches, soreness and stiffness. This is osteoarthritis, also called "everybody's disease" because it comes to virtu-

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Personal

**Measles Kaput?
Social Security and wives
Mortgages easier
More tire per \$**

Now that two vaccines intended to create immunity against measles are available, be sure that every infant in your family gets protection as early in life as possible. Complications from the polka-dot disease (pneumonia, encephalitis, middle-ear infection) are dangerous and deadly, particularly for youngsters.

Both new measles vaccines—the “killed” and the “live” types—must be injected into the bloodstream (you can’t take them orally). For the “killed” type, three shots are necessary, with presumably no side-effects. The “live” vaccine will do the job with one shot; but to reduce chances of a slight aftermath of rash or fever, a gamma globulin injection may be given with it.

Note this, though: The new preventives won’t stop “German” or “three-day” measles—a scary disease which can affect an unborn child if the mother becomes ill during pregnancy. But happily, the “three-day” virus, too, has been isolated, and pharmaceutical researchers now are on the way to concocting a vaccine.

In all, here’s where the score on respiratory diseases now stands:

Mumps—“killed” vaccine available, and a “live” type now being tested by researchers; **polio**—two types of vaccine in use; **tuberculosis**—vaccine available, though not widely used in this country; **flu**—vaccine available, but may not produce immunity nor guard against every type of flu; **“common cold”**—shots available to increase resistance to some types; **pneumonia**—effective antibiotics developed to help sufferers.

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Chances are your wife either has been—or will be—employed sometime in her life. How does this affect your combined Social Security status? That question is gaining pertinence because of the enormous increase of women on payrolls. Here’s the answer:

- Basically, neither sex nor marriage enters into the Social Security picture. **Everybody is on his own.**

- However, a 65-year-old married woman does get this break: **Her retirement benefits never will be less than half her husband’s.** For example: If her husband is entitled to \$100, but she has only \$40 in her own right, she’ll be upped to \$50. (Of course, if her own benefits topped \$50, she obviously wouldn’t be cut back.)

- Similarly, a widow can draw survivor’s benefits or her own retirement income, whichever is higher.

- This situation is not reversible—unless the husband is his wife’s dependent by Internal Revenue Service standards.

Reminder to your wife (and yourself): Social Security is a much broader proposition than just retirement or survivor protection; it also includes the important factor of disability. It will pay you to read up on it.

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On the house and home front this spring, you will find that:

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How Your Body Changes With Time

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ally all of us in some form or another about the age of 50. Fully 97 percent of persons over 60 have it in some degree.

In many cases, the ailment isn't serious and produces extremely mild symptoms — a twinge, a minor discomfort here and there — but occasionally it can become severe. Overweight and poor posture tend to increase the wear and tear upon the joints, especially upon those that bear the weight of the body. When it involves the knee and hip joints, osteoarthritis can become crippling.

There's no known cure, but the ailment can be treated by physiotherapy, dietary regulation, the use of aspirin to relieve pain and occasionally by surgery. The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation stresses that frequently nothing more drastic than loss of weight will greatly relieve the painful symptoms.

As for your organs, organ systems, tissues and blood vessels, they'll wear or

last depending on your inheritance and your way of life. There's nothing much you can do about the former, but you certainly can control the latter. Eat sensibly, exercise daily, rest adequately, work hard and cultivate a serene disposition. These are the golden secrets that, when applied, can keep your internal machinery chugging comfortably along.

Finally, we come to your mental acuity. What's the time schedule here—when do you hit the zenith of brainpower and when do you hit the thinking skids? Most persons are thoroughly convinced that the human mind, like the human body, must show the wear and tear of the passing years. New studies, however, have exploded this belief.

These studies show that your thinking ability doesn't rust as you grow older, but actually sharpens! Dr. William A. Owens, head of the Psychology Department at Iowa State College, declared following a study: "Most people are smarter at 50 than at the brink of maturity, when we usually think of brains as being agile

and most receptive."

How did Dr. Owens come to this conclusion? One day he chanced upon the results of an intelligence test taken at the college by 179 freshmen. He located 127 of those former freshmen, now middle-aged people, and administered the very same test over again.

The results? The men did better the second time around! "Nowhere," reports Dr. Owens, "was there any sign that brains had grown rusty." Other investigators have discovered that intelligence can keep improving until the seventies and even the eighties.

Add all these facts about your body's timetable and they simmer down to this conclusion:

As the human engine rolls through life, it will inevitably cough, sputter and wear at some points in the road. Perhaps now you can understand a little more clearly what to expect, when to expect it and what kind of overhaul will seem necessary. Happy motoring.

THE END

A PREVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS

(Continued from page 17)

— and the tab was in the \$5 neighborhood. Much to my surprise, there were a number of \$1.50 and \$1.75 luncheons on the menu of this deservedly famous restaurant, one of the best five in New Orleans. Brennan's is the creation and proud possession of an attractive young woman, Ella Brennan, whose two younger brothers, Pip and Dick, escorted Mrs. Martin and me on our subsequent tour of Bourbon Street.

I asked the Brennans where they got their oysters and was informed that I was eating "Louisiana Oysters." (They deserve a capital "O.") This variety is smaller and, I think, more delicious than the Eastern oysters from the colder waters along the Atlantic seaboard. In a way, they bear the same relation to their cold water cousins as baby beef does to mature beef, for these tender little bivalves grow from spat to maturity in just one year in the warm Gulf. A Chincoteague or Tangier oyster takes three years, while farther north along the east coast, it takes oysters up to seven years to grow up. As I said, the Louisiana oysters are different, especially as prepared in this "cordon bleu" restaurant.

New Orleans is lucky in having three sources and kinds of shrimp at hand. There's the tiny river shrimp that some people say has a remarkable flavor, though I didn't try any during my stay. Then Lake Pontchartrain nearby contains a medium size variety. The Gulf shrimp are huge, as might be expected, I suppose, of all the things that grow in New Orleans' semi-tropical environment,

whether they grow on land or in the water.

Antoine's is the grandpère of haute cuisine. Well over 100 years in existence, it is under the management of the last surviving male member of the founding Alcitore family. Since the French Quarter is already on your "must" list, plan your tour to include this storied restaurant for one luncheon at least or dinner at best — and one might almost add "of course!"

Pittari's is outstanding. La Louisianne delighted us. Kolb's on St. Charles Street is an epicure's heaven. The Roosevelt has a French chef and a staff of 40 cooks. The Candle-light will make you linger over each bite, while the food at Manale's and the Bali Hái will help to hasten your return to New Orleans. Masson's Beach House, outside of New Orleans proper, was unforgettable — for some reason everything seemed to come together there to create the finest meal I've ever savored anywhere.

But these names just barely scratch the surface of the most extraordinary group of restaurants this side of the Eiffel Tower. Ask around when you're there. Explore. You'll find that food and drink are a topic of conversation that few New Orleans residents will hesitate to expound on at great length and in fascinating detail. Everyone seems to like to discuss food, no matter what his background or occupation. The bartenders know marvelous little places, the passers-by can reel off lists of favorites while you're pausing at a streetlight, and the cab driver is apt to tell you his particular at-home specialty en route to a

restaurant known for something entirely different. And you can always drop in at one of the dozens of oyster bars for further directions and nourishment while you make up your mind.

Food, food, food, wherever you go! Yet Orleanians are no fatter than the inhabitants of other American cities. Just better fed and, apparently, happier.

They have a reputation, too, for *not* raising prices during the height of the seasons of Mardi Gras and the Sugar Bowl game — or during conventions! Even though the Legionnaires may fill the town and the meetings in the New Orleans Auditorium to overflowing, I was informed quietly but proudly by a number of people that you'll be treated as courteously and generously as if you were there on an off-season weekend. Bill Miller, who for six years has been arranging national conventions for the Legion, assured me that there will be plenty of accommodations. September happens to be a sort of tourist lull between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, and the Crescent City can more than handle the 50,000 to 60,000 people expected to be present when the Legion marches in. Bill told me also that they expect some 40,000 participants in the Legion parade, in which they now anticipate 40 drum and bugle corps, about 100 high school bands, together with the Legion bands themselves. Legionnaires may expect that John F. Tims, publisher of the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*, will see that the 1963 convention gets outstanding daily newspaper coverage.

Conventions are different in New Or-

leans, I learned; the womenfolk can't help but be interested and involved! If you're having a convention in Cleveland, or Detroit, or Chicago, a wife might say to her husband, "Go ahead. Have a good time. Come back soon." But they are not about to let their man go off to New Orleans alone. They want to come along, not just to keep an eye on him, but because of the sights, sounds and exotic air of the city, its antiques and gardens, stately homes and strange foods, patios and quaint streets. For these reasons—all of them of particular interest to the distaff side, the total number of convention visitors in New Orleans is usually larger than to the same convention when held elsewhere. The wives come in droves to this disarmingly lovely city, fascinated by what they've heard about it. They are content to browse and putter through the Garden District—built largely during the 1830s—and the antique shops, while the men are meeting. But at night, they put on the kind of clothes that bring a sparkle to the eye, and persuade their husbands to go out on a town that is really something to go out on.

Bourbon Street is a name no less than magic. On it there are probably 50 night-clubs packed together on both sides of the street. You can zigzag for blocks, seeing shows, having a drink while you watch goggle-eyed, or just listen, in one after another of these clubs, with scarcely a break in the entertainment. Some of the shows are considerably longer than others, depending on the crowds, the performers, and the mood of the evening. There's no cover charge, although several spots will charge you more for the first drink in lieu of this. Thereafter, all drinks are no less than a dollar even. No matter whether you have a soft drink, a bottle of beer, or a scotch, the price is the same, a kind of minimum—a wonderful kind. I doubt if many visitors could find it in themselves to object to such treatment. After all, this is the birthplace of Dixieland jazz! You'll revel in the sounds as you sashay along, awash in the solid beat that comes from all directions.

Among the nightspots you'll find ups and downs, highs and lows. Some of them are strip joints, others are magnificently operated and offer the most casual dropper-in a jazz session he'll always remember, one to judge his hi-fi recordings against when he gets back home. Al Hirt, considered by many America's greatest trumpet player, has a place there. You'll probably want to hear Pete Fountain's combo. Some spots, like the 809 Club, specialize (American Cha-Cha-Cha); The Famous Door is pure Dixieland, as is Pier 600; others will have alternating combos. We watched and listened and tapped our feet in quite a few: Lucky Pierre's (better

after midnight), Pat O'Brien's Place, Pepe's Bar, Pizza Bar (jazz), and Preservation Hall (blues), where you can sit from 9 p.m. to midnight and see old-timers with an urge to blow a blue note step up and take over for a while. The Hall doesn't sell drinks—it doesn't sell anything. The only fee is whatever you feel like dropping into the hat when it's passed. I also remember tapping my big flat foot to the slow, solid beat at The Famous Door as the combo belted out *The Birth of The Blues*, a song called *Kansas City* (not the classical K.C. Blues, but a K.C.-is-the-place-I-want-to-be-type), and a roof-raising version of *When The Saints Go Marching In*. A couple of blocks away, you can hear old-fashioned Dixieland and jazz at the Paddock Lounge.

I've mentioned that Pip and Dick Brennan were our Bourbon Street escorts. They couldn't have done better by us. They took us in and out of places where Legionnaires can go and enjoy themselves without being exposed to more skin than their wives might like to see. The tab ran high—drinks were built around a miniature heavyweight half-ounce shot glass at a buck and a half. But the entertainment was free, so we didn't feel pressured at all. We accepted this as a fact of life in such places, and were honestly glad next day that the drinks had been small. There's too much to do in New Orleans to waste the better part of a day nursing a big head. The Jada is a stripeteria that's possibly all right for wives who haven't been overly sheltered. The Gunga Den had a feature gal performer.

I asked the Brennans how you could judge the level of a Bourbon Street place. They told me that one of the warning signs is the barker outside who gives you the bit, grabs your arm, and tries to pull you inside. Watch out here. At this writing, New Orleans is clamping the lid on fast and loose night spots. But this is one area where New Orleans is like most other cities, as anyone who travels knows. So far, the city has shut down several of the really high pressure places, which makes it better all around.

Legionnaires and wives will find Bourbon Street fascinating. A part of life thrives here that has taken root and grown practically nowhere else in the world. It's nourished by a music that has taken hold and flourishes best in just this one place. Don't miss it.

But there are plenty of opportunities for fun that are free—or next to it. Simply touring the waterfront is pretty great. After all, some 5,000 ships a year pass through this port, which makes for the most colorful kind of sightseeing along the river. Then there's the site of the Battle of New Orleans, Andrew Jackson's famous defense of the city that took place after the Peace Treaty that

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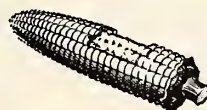
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Lake Pontchartrain is not only worth seeing, it's free, too. You don't have to leave the city to view it, because it forms one of the boundaries of New Orleans. In fact, it lies within the city itself. Beautifully landscaped, there's a lovely drive along its margin — the Lakeshore Parkway, complete with seawall — a glowing palette of trees, shrubs and fountains. Driving along the Parkway, you'll be unable to take your eyes from the gorgeous homes set back from the shore. One of them had a garage with space for eight cars. I counted them, fascinated.

The lakefront has an amusement park that includes swimming pools, Ferris wheels, assorted rides, games, picnic tables, and green grass. Boats may be rented for just dawdling-around-in or for serious fishing. You have an excellent chance of landing pompano or red snapper on the lake.

You can cruise the Mississippi itself, free, on a city-owned yacht called *The Good Neighbor* that accommodates about 65. Or, for a small fee, you can embark on a three-hour cruise on a large excursion steamer that offers music, dancing, and a first-rate look at the whole port.

New Orleans has two outstanding parks, City Park and Audubon Park. The latter possesses a fine zoo right across the street from Tulane and Loyola Universities. For golfers, City Park offers three public golf links, and is noted for its handsome driveways. It contains the Delgado Museum, whose art collection recently was expanded considerably by gifts from the Kresge family.

Again, for a modest fee, you can spend a leisurely day on a guided tour of antebellum plantations and upcountry homes. Depending upon how many are open to the public at the time, you will get a first-hand look at from five to eight historic and beautiful establishments. There are any number of other sightseeing tours available, both inside and outside the city.

One of the things I enjoyed, that might come under the heading of sightseeing, was conversing with residents. If you're not shy about asking questions and can summon up a smile to go with them, you're in for a treat. I'm a bug on history, and loved inquiring about the place where Andrew Jackson teamed up with Jean Lafitte to stand off the

British lobsterbacks from behind bales of cotton and hastily dug trenches. Prowling the battlefield is particularly fascinating. I was spellbound by some of the stories, some of the history, some of the magic of the city's past and present . . . like tales of the bygone Quadroon Ball, where the young creole bloods annually selected their next mistresses.

I loved Bourbon Street. I loved going down to the river front and the French markets and having a cup of coffee with doughnuts before bed. I loved seeing the homes in the Garden District, and even though these will not be open in September, there are no walls to prevent you from driving there and walking past. Like the parks, they bloom year round. The climate sees to that. The landscaped boulevards are lined with semitropical flowers and vegetation whose names I can't even pronounce, let alone spell. Huge oak trees tower along the way in stately rows; each wears a sweeping mantilla of Spanish moss in soft folds over its branches.

Royal Street hypnotized both my wife and me, for on it are located about the widest assortment of antique shops, big and little, we'd ever come across. New Orleans has what appears to be an endless supply of antiques. The city has

been there a long time and has its own variety of authentic pieces. The shops along Royal Street are not little, they're big; and they're packed with lovely things to put in your home. You can putz around in them all day if you like and no one will snarl at you. On the contrary, they obviously enjoy answering your questions and, above all, dickering and bargaining — remember, Orleanians are "people-likers." Antique dealers who welcome your coming in to look and poke and chat are as pleasant a surprise as I've encountered in many a day.

Another surprise came when it dawned on me that you don't have to rely solely on restaurants with a big reputation for fine food in New Orleans. The first-class hotels can hold their own there with almost any of the dining establishments. Take a tip from the Martins, try your hotel dining room — in New Orleans they're extraordinary, to say the least.

We asked for and received several out-of-this-world recipes during our visits to some famous restaurants and dining rooms. Of course, there are certain dishes that are highly secret, but if the host or chef or maitre d'hôtel turns you down with a regretful shrug on one request, he'll probably offer you something else in its place. In which case, don't look this kind of gift horse in the mouth, take it gratefully and be prepared for the unusual when you get home and can try it.

Women, it seems, are prone to take home a lot of New Orleans foods, seasonings, and candies that are simply not to be found elsewhere. The best-known food for the sweet tooth is probably the pecan praline, a delicacy of maple sugar and pecans, though some varieties are laced with chocolate. From New Orleans also comes a variety of prepared and packaged sauces—especially for seafoods—as well as canned gumbos, and jumbalayas. Unfortunately, one New Orleans delicacy, the Buster Crab, cannot be exported. It must be eaten on the spot. This tiny soft-shelled crab is fried whole and served in stacks like miniature hotcakes the size of a silver dollar. Oysters also are smallish and just right to savor in the dozens of ways they're served here. Crayfish are another gourmet's delight. These lend themselves to being made into a bisque, a thick, highly seasoned soup. The complications of this recipe may keep you from trying it at home, but the odors of cooking are enough to start the gastric juices running overtime in one's mouth as you catch a whiff and start wondering if the stomach can hold another meal so soon after the previous one.

Legionnaires and their wives will find it impossible, as we did, to decide just what was the most fun, the best eating,

a Prayer

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Mindful of our weaknesses and our shortcomings, give us so to live as Americans, in a spirit of righteousness, one with another, that other nations seeing, may wish to emulate us rather than destroy us, and may peace reign everlasting in a brotherhood of men.

Amen.

or the greatest entertainment in New Orleans. There are too many high spots to be able to differentiate among them. The city is like that, sweeping you up into its affectionate regard within minutes of your arrival. In the warm embrace of such charming and open-handed hospitality, your spirits start climbing and your outlook on life brightens. You'll laugh more frequently, your perception will be keener, and your palate will be stimulated as never before. Everything around you will be of intense interest.

But the spirit of the Crescent City is not to be conveyed fully in words. No recipe exists to describe the buoyancy of life as lived in New Orleans. Your 1963 Legion Convention will be a memorable time for having taken place in America's most fascinating city.

And it's highly probable that you'll want to return — on your own!

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Here are three outstanding recipes that we brought home with us from New Orleans, which you may want to try.

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- 2 cups mayonnaise
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- 1 tablespoon tomato catsup

Grind very fine: —

- 1 cup celery
- ¼ cup onion
- 1 shallot
- 2 tablespoons green pepper
- 1 tablespoon parsley

Combine with mayonnaise mixture. Chill well and serve with shrimp, crabmeat or other seafoods. Can be stored for week or two in refrigerator in air-tight jar.

(From Kolb's German Tavern,
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OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER

- 1 cup chopped shallots
- ½ cup chopped parsley
- 1½ cups chopped young spinach
- ½ cup flour
- 1 cup melted butter
- 1 cup oyster water
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne
- ¼ cup minced anchovies
- 4 ounces absinthe
- 3 or 4 dozen oysters

Fill a pie pan with rock salt for each serving. Place in oven to preheat salt. While salt is heating, make sauce by putting shallots, parsley and spinach through food chopper. Stir flour into melted butter and cook 5 minutes; do not brown. Blend in oyster water, garlic, salt and cayenne. Stir in

chopped greens and anchovies. Simmer, covered, 20 minutes. Remove cover, stir in absinthe and cook until thickened.

Place half shells (6 per serving) on hot rock salt. Fill each shell with an oyster. Put sauce in a pastry bag and cover each oyster. Bake in preheated 400° (moderately hot) oven for about 5 minutes or until edges of oysters begin to curl. 6 to 8 servings. (This recipe and the one following are served at Brennan's, but basically they are the same as the classic New Orleans recipes set before customers at Antoine's.)

POMPANO EN PAPILLOTE

- Parchment paper
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup finely chopped green onions
- ¼ cup flour
- ¾ cup fish stock
- 3 tablespoons white wine
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Dash cayenne
- 1 egg yolk, beaten
- ½ cup boiled shrimp, peeled
- ½ dozen oysters, blanched
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- 1 rolled filet of pompano (or trout or any white fish)*
- poached in salted water — (about ¾ pound)

Fold a 20" square of parchment paper in half and cut a large heart. This will be your papillote.

In a 9-inch skillet over medium heat, melt butter and sauté onion until tender. Blend in flour thoroughly. Cook slowly about 5 minutes, stirring constantly; do not brown. Remove from heat. Blend in fish stock, wine, salt and pepper until smooth. Blend in egg yolk thoroughly. Return to heat and gently cook over low heat, stirring constantly about 15 minutes. Add shrimp, oysters and parsley and heat through.

On center of one inside half of parchment "heart" place half of above mixture, and place rolled trout, white fish or pompano on the sauce mixture. Top this with the other half of the sauce mixture. Fold the top half of the paper over and starting at the arc (opposite point) fold the two ends of the paper together like sealing pie dough. Continue this folding seam around to the tip. Pinch the last fold tightly. Place papillote on shallow baking dish. Bake in a preheated oven 350° (moderate) 10 to 15 minutes or until paper is golden brown. 1 serving.

*One 2-lb trout will render two ¾-lb. filets after cleaning and boning. Save head and bones to make fish stock.

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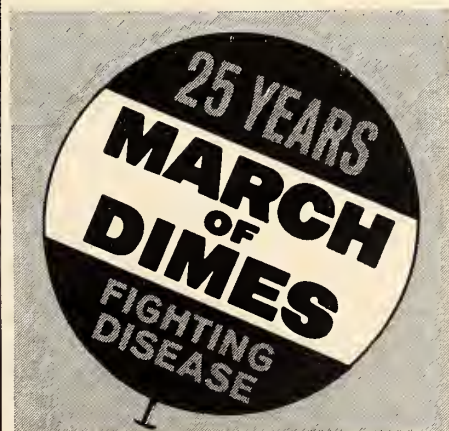
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Only one in ten Americans has no access to a local public library, President Kennedy disclosed in his recent message on education.

The typical U. S. public library building of 1963, he said, is characterized by advanced age, lack of space, and lack of modern equipment. The Carnegie funds which created a system of free libraries ran dry 40 years ago. The President has asked Congress to authorize a three-year program of grants to build new libraries and improve old ones.

PEOPLE AND QUOTES:

COLD WAR

"There is an intelligence gap. The gap is in the intelligence of those who are daily revealing the secrets of the intelligence operations of the United States Government. . . ." Rep. **George H. Mahon**, of Texas, chairman of House defense appropriations subcommittee.

CHINA

"... there is today no major people or group of leaders who are in the true sense more ignorant of what is going on in the outside world than those in Peking. Surrounded by a population greater than that of the Soviet Union, the United States and all the countries of Western Europe combined, they are smugly sitting in Peking disdaining the rest of the world, except insofar as they look forward to its being brought under Chinese suzerainty, with envoys again bearing tribute to Peking." U. **Alexis Johnson**, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

RIGHTS

"... while the rights and interests of labor and of business must be respected, the rights and interests of the public deserve at least equal consideration." **Bernard M. Baruch**, elder statesman and adviser to Presidents.

YOUTH

"A whole new Lost Generation is growing up in our country, with no skills and little hope. Many of its members are turning to crime to get the things other youngsters get by hard study and work." Attorney General **Robert F. Kennedy**.

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WHO WANTS THE SOVIET ECONOMY?

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pendes much more upon *light industry* and *agriculture*, which provide consumption goods and on which all peoples of underdeveloped countries count to lighten their poverty. Let us consider what the communist economy has been able to realize in that field.

Compared with American industry, which produces one private auto for every 2.2 inhabitants, and French industry, which produces one car for every six men, Soviet industry after 40 years of communism and after entering the field when all the technical problems were solved, produces only one private car for 450 persons! In 1960, the USSR produced only 140,000 cars, half of which were for export, while the United States, with 40 million fewer inhabitants than Soviet Russia, produced 6.5 million cars, of which 117,126 were for export!

Within 50 years, the available surface for *housing* (living space) in the United States passed from 15 to 36 square meters per inhabitant — square meters fitted with every modern comfort. In 40 years in the USSR, it went from eight square meters to — eight square meters — having dropped to four square meters in 1937, "the space for a coffin" the Russians would say. And the square meters in the USSR were of a very poor standard.

Regarding *electricity for domestic use* — which gives the best illustration of the living standard of a population — electrical production in the United States is about 1,900 kilowatt hours per person, per year; 850 in France; and 210 in the USSR! These figures give an excellent over-all comparative idea of the living standards in the three countries: in the United States it is nine times higher, and in France, four times higher than in Soviet Russia.

The mediocrity of Soviet environment in the human field can be glimpsed from remarks made by Parisian workmen who went to Moscow in 1961 to work in the French Exhibition. Their Soviet colleagues thought that the suits they were wearing had been lent to them by their employers — or by the French government — in order to "show off" in front of the Soviet workers. The Russians would not believe that it was possible to buy freely any goods in France. In Moscow, those French workmen found it impossible to get film for their cameras, nails for carpentry, or anything else without tickets which were given only to people who were permitted to buy them on account of their professional duties. The first group of French workers could not make water come from the showers in their living quarters.

Stories like these are limitless, and point up the meanness and shabbiness of

what Russian technology is able to give its people. In short, one has to observe that although the communist economy maintains a decent, though not exceptional, face as regards concrete and steel, it appears miserable as regards shoes, houses and consumption goods.

In the field of *agriculture*, communism remains in a state of permanent slump. I was dubbed a systematic anti-communist when I asserted in 1950, in my book *Stalin's Russia*, that the Soviet people's feeding standard had fallen lower than under the tsars. Then, in 1954, in his famous speech at the 20th Congress of the Communist Party, Khrushchev himself acknowledged that fact. This did not prevent my being called a systematic anti-communist again when I observed, in 1956, that Soviet cattle had decreased since the time of the tsars. Then, in 1962, Khrushchev himself acknowledged that fact before the Central Committee.

Since its compulsory collectivization of 1928, agriculture has been in a state of deep crisis in Soviet Russia, in spite of all the self-criticism, counter-reform, super-decrees and inter-shootings. The most spectacular misadventures could not be hidden: the loss of half of the crop of corn in 1959; the failure of "operation cows" in 1960 (the cows stopped giving milk as soon as they were collectivized); the death, through want of proper care, of five million cattle in 1961; the constant deficiencies of tractor centers, and lack of spare parts; the fertilizers gone to waste near railway stations; the lack of meat, eggs and potatoes even in Moscow shops during the 1961-62 winter; and the total failure of the huge, loudly propagandized operation of reclaiming virgin lands by some millions of young people who were sent there, whether they liked it or not, and who suffered intensely and in vain.

The terrific famine which has been devastating Communist China for two years took place at a time when, (as Japanese observers confirmed) no significant differences reigned in climatic conditions from those of former years. This immense human tragedy is entirely due to the communist regime and results from the madness of establishing popular communes. Peiping was compelled to acknowledge the famine, which is only alleviated today by mass supplies sent by democratic countries which Mao describes as being decadent and selfish!

The most criminal inefficiency of communist agriculture is easily traceable to communism itself. Consider the productivity of the private enterprises of the commune farmers on the small "individual patches" that they are sometimes allowed. Farming 7.5 percent of Russia's 500 million hectares of cultivated land

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on a *non-communist* basis, they have produced the following percentages of the Soviet Union's food:

- 48 percent of the meat;
- 82 percent of the eggs;
- 50 percent of the vegetables; and
- 48 percent of the whole milk.

Who has not heard communism being lauded as the angel of *agrarian reform*? That is, taking land from landlords and giving it to peasants. Yet the whole story of agrarian reform under communism is probably the greatest demagoguery ever heard in all ages. The communists in new lands sometimes do start by giving land to peasants in order to be applauded. But as soon as they have well entrenched themselves in power, they compulsorily take back the land by enrolling these unfortunate new proprietors in kolkhozes or in communes, where they fall even lower than before, to the condition of bondsmen ordered by red tapists. So it happened all over under communist rule, in the USSR, in China, in Yugoslavia, in Eastern Germany, and in Cuba. Everywhere, the result was the same: famine.

In Cuba today, three years after the tremendous boasting of Castro about the agrarian reform which, at first, won him the sympathy of so many advanced minds, the Cuban peasant is no more than a forced laborer in his own land, and the people have to struggle with hateful ration tickets, which had never been heard of in Cuba before.

Other statistics which point up the organic incapacity of communist regimes to feed their people are the compared *agrarian output* in the USSR and the United States. In the USSR, one communized farmer *can scarcely feed four persons*, while in the United States one farmer *sumptuously feeds 29 persons*, and

still has a surplus. As for stock farming, the difference is even stronger. The rearing of cattle in Russia requires *14 times* what the United States needs for the production of the same weight of cattle! The production of cereals, which was 8.2 hundredweight per hectare in czarist Russia, fell after the revolution and has only just reached the same 8.2 level of 45 years ago! Let us recall that this output is 25 hundredweight in France and 34 in Australia.

In fact, the average food situation for the Soviet people has been, for 45 years, constantly lower than that of 1914! During the big famine of 1932-1934, which was the result of the compulsory collectivization of the land, it fell to *one-fourth*! Only since 1953 has it started going up slightly, with many setbacks, until finally it again reached its 1914 level. It is this very recent and modest raise which supports the whole myth of the "race to happiness" in which the USSR is supposed to overtake the Western World. The "big miracle" which it has realized in the nutrition field has been to draw the unhappy Russians out of the hollows into which the Stalin regime had sunk them and to give them back the standard reached by their forefathers under the power of that famous autocratic sweater of labor: the czar.

How dare the communists, who have not been able, in 45 years, to solve the problem of starvation at home, offer themselves as tutors to solve the same problem in Africa and in Asia! Never, until now, has such impudence been observed.

How does the myth of Soviet "economic dynamism" stack up in the matters of *efficiency* and *quality*? *Efficiency*, of course, is much higher in the United

States, as is shown by the fact that it requires much less working time to produce the same goods in the United States than it does in the USSR. As for *quality*, it is indeed quite different to produce 100,000 pairs of good leather shoes, lasting as much as two years, as is done in the United States, and, as in the USSR, to make 100,000 pairs of oilcloth shoes which give way after three months, or rubber shoes made of such material that they "burst after ten days." The bad quality of Soviet goods is notorious and universally known.

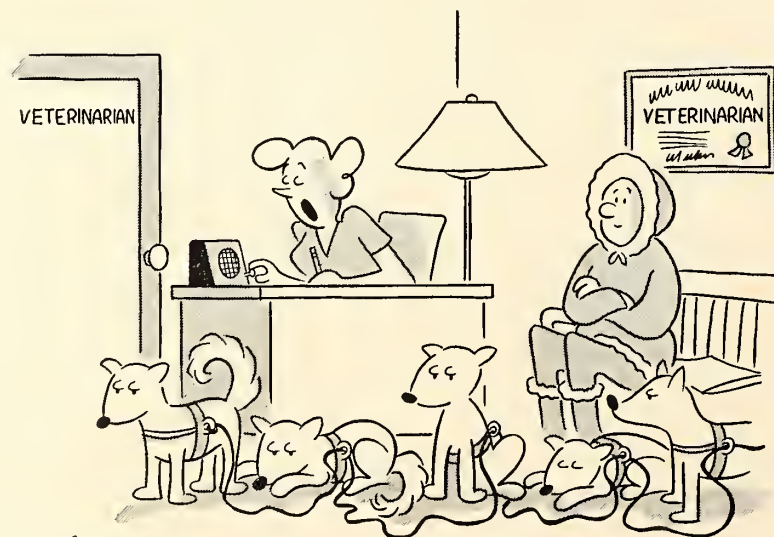
How much of an *effort* is it to do the same job the communist way compared to the democratic way?

Let's take the case of power-stations. Establishing power-stations in the USSR, which are no more sensational than those anywhere else, imposed an "extreme pressure on the muscles and nerves" (so said Stalin) of the people of a country which boasts that it is a paradise on earth. There was no limit to the length of a day's work nor to the working norms. Payment was made by piecework. The big Soviet industrialization was realized only by having secret police behind every pillar, factory courts to punish the slightest carelessness with heavy penalties, Stakhanovism accelerating ceaselessly the rhythm of production, ordering the death penalty for bad work, hanging a noticeboard of honor and noticeboard of shame on the walls of the workshops, and keeping work record books in which the slightest defects of the workmen were inscribed; in short, the whole apparatus of state terror.

In China, the price paid for industrialization in physical and moral suffering — hard labor camps, mass deportations, mass deaths through exhaustion and starvation — is still more inhuman. One can read in the Chinese press that the workers of the dams and canals of Northern China and Sikiang are laboring in water so cold that it would turn to ice if it were not flowing; that they have to fight against blocks of ice carried by heavy currents or stop the mud with their own bodies. The builders of the power stations were housed in sheds hardly fit for dogs; the orders were given as if to dogs, they were fed with dog food, and pushed to work like cattle.

And still, this only concerns the work supposed to be "free." Nobody denies any more that there have been in the USSR, and still are in Communist China, some millions of unfortunate people doomed to *forced hard labor*. It is with garlands of corpses that the "famous" achievements of the Canal of the White Sea, the Turksib railroad, the gold mines of Yakutsk could realize their leap forward. It is through the kind of horrors associated with Hitler that the Magnitogorsk and the Dnepropetrovsk dams

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Bob Schreyer

"He said something about seeing you for a 1,000 mile checkup."

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

A Big Book On The Korean War

THIS KIND OF WAR, by T. R. Fehrenbach. MACMILLAN CO., \$10. The Korean conflict wasn't dignified by the name war until long after it was fought, and there was little about it, from its near-disastrous beginning to its honorable but frustrating conclusion, that appealed to American sensibilities. Because Americans can't look back on Korea with any satisfaction, they prefer not to look back upon it at all. So states author Fehrenbach at the conclusion of his highly readable, sometimes shocking, sometimes heartbreaking, account of the years in Korea.

The book, generously illustrated, takes a good look at Korea and sets forth valuable lessons that we can learn from our experiences there. Divided into three sections, it discusses the beginnings of the Korean action, dating back to the peace settlements of 1945; details battles and engagements such as Bloody Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge and Pork Chop Hill, that will go down in the annals of military history and legend; and reviews the various blunders of the war.

The necessity for sufficient emotional and mental preparedness to fight a war of containment is stressed by the author, who feels that while most citizens of a free nation stand ready to die in a big conflict, they are reluctant to give up their lives in a small engagement where it is difficult to recognize the ideal for which they are being asked to fight and die. If Korea taught us anything, then, it was that we must teach our people discipline, the kind of discipline that will enable them to suffer and if need be to die in just such limited engagements as Korea, in order that the free, decent civilization which we enjoy can be preserved.

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Who Wants The Soviet Economy?

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were erected. It is true to say that such atrocious deeds have been eliminated from the USSR, though some millions of young people are still bound to compulsory work in the virgin lands, but in Communist China they are still going on at a terrible scale.

On the whole, by integrating all the periods of hell and purgatory of bolshevik domination, one can conclude that there is one angle—and only one—under which progress attributed to communism is unequaled. *That angle is the price it's cost in human suffering.* From the point of view of human efficiency, that is to say the proportion between the achievement reached and the efforts invested by the workmen, a proportion which constitutes the only valuable criterion of the "quality" of a regime—communist industrialization is the last in the world.

Of course, there are those who are so immune to compassion that they quickly excuse all this barbarity with the only argument that may be dreamed up—namely, that a backward country *must* sacrifice a generation or two of human beings to slavery because, they say, there is *no other* way to modernize and industrialize.

But there are innumerable examples of countries which have not been ruled under the whip of communism and which have still modernized themselves faster than the USSR or China.

Japan is the most outstanding case. When it decided to industrialize in 1870, it was *really* starting from nothing. Al-

gebra was not even taught in the country. An old Shogunal law forbade inventions—except, amusingly, "for the staging of a play." There was not a yard of rail or a watt of electricity in the country. Then, 35 years later, Japan was covered with factories, power stations, railways, and had a new fleet which was built entirely in its arsenals and which succeeded in routing, at Port Arthur, the venerable Russian fleet that had been so well taken care of for 200 years. And all this was realized without communism.

But Japan's case is not the only one. Today, Borneo is a world leader in the development of housing projects. In Venezuela and Brazil, oil plants, steel factories and even big cities spring from the earth in record time. On the Ivory Coast, under the leadership of M. Houphouet-Boigny, and in Senegal and Congo-Brazzaville, under the tolerant governments of Mr. Leopold Senghor and President Fulbert Youlou, assisted by democratic France in both places, we can see a direct, smooth transition from the tribal age to the industrial one. In Malaya, where a respect for human rights is maintained, economic and social landscapes, which are hard to distinguish from those of Essex, are emerging from the jungle. South Vietnam has launched its magnificent revolution of "agrotowns." On the small island of Formosa, 10 million Chinese have realized an agrarian reform infinitely more human and efficient than the one promised (but never fulfilled) by Mao in Communist China when he sought power. They have done the same with remarkable school and sanitary reforms, and within 12 years have reached nearly the standard

of living and culture met with in Japan.

In all these countries, modernization has been achieved without work-record books, flogging, concentration camps, shedding of blood, and universal spying; in brief, without communism.

So far, we have considered only the conditions of economic *growth* in communist countries. Now let us have a look at the *present level* reached by Soviet production. As Mr. Khrushchev is always boasting of "catching up and overtaking" the United States, let us compare Soviet production with that of the United States in 1962. Reckoning our calculation per head, we find that United States production is:

- 2.5 times higher for heavy industry.
- 2 times higher in scientific capacity, taking into account all fields of life and not only one aimed at spectacular enterprises.
- 10 times higher for the light industry of necessary articles for housing, clothing, medicaments, lighting, education, etc.
- 120 times higher for the production of non-essential articles (cars, domestic apparatus, telephones, roads, entertainment, traveling articles, etc.).
- 3 times higher in *nutrition* level.
- 7 times higher as to global standard of living (food and manufactured goods).

Finally, one must muse on the well-known fact that, little as communism has done, much of that is not its own. The birth-pangs of the industrial revolution were suffered chiefly by England, Germany, France, the United States and tsarist Russia in Europe. The bolsheviks, like Japan, came on the scene so late that, as Japan proved, a truly dynamic economy need do little more than copy in order to move forward at a remarkable pace. The record of the Soviets is a record of how poor their method is even for apers!

In addition, today, even as they brag of its dynamism, the Soviet economy only holds its present pathetic level by feeding like a hookworm on the slave states of eastern Europe which Russia took as booty of World War II.

On seeing such results we are dumbfounded to observe that in the Western World there are so many right-minded persons—besides the wrong-minded ones—who are supposed to be reliably informed, who are still talking of the "economic challenge" of communism to the Free World. In reality, the supposition that the USSR could reach the United States level, or even Western Europe's level in the near future, by any means but conquest or colonial parasitism, is simply delirious. It proves the bottomless gullibility of many democrats in the face of communist boastfulness.

THE END



"Come see how nice it looks, Ruth!"

ORDEAL AT SEA

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"I thought I'd never come up," says Izzi. But he did. The sea around him was filled with bobbing heads.

Izzi swam from the ship as fast as he could before it went down. The lifejacket slowed him down. He looked back finally and he saw a youngster he knew, on the stern. He yelled for the seaman to jump, but the last Izzi saw of the *Zaandam* was the stern settling into the water with the young seaman still standing there.

"That phrase, 'the boy stood on the burning deck' kept pounding through my head," he recalls.

The German submarine surfaced and four men came up and stood by the conning tower. "Two of them had machine-guns and at first I thought they were going to fire on us. But they pointed out to the horizon and went below. I suppose they meant to show us where land was. Then the sub went down and we were left alone. God, I never felt lonesomer."

Izzi paddled in the water. Then a little bamboo raft floated by. Ensign Maddox, the Armed Guard officer, was clinging to it, and Izzi joined him.

The open sea makes for loneliness. A man may drift within ten feet of you and you can't see him. If you yell, you might swallow sea water. Hundreds of survivors were floating within a few feet of each other and few saw the others. A larger bamboo raft floated by Izzi and Maddox. Two frightened men, who couldn't swim, were clinging to it.

Just before dark settled, Izzi got one of his biggest breaks. His pal Joudy floated by with another member of the Armed Guard crew, Satterwhite.

Joudy, to whom Izzi was to owe his life a dozen times during that first night in the sea, was destined to lose his own.

Darkness fell fast.

"It was sunlight one moment and black night the next, and lonesome as hell," Izzi remembers.

Izzi saw no sharks that first night. But agonized screams all about him told him that others had encountered them. One by one the stars of the South Atlantic were turned on. They were enormous and looked close enough to touch.

About midnight things began to happen to Izzi. "I had swallowed a lot of sea water, and things began to change. Once I looked over and there was a great big wall and I could hear the waves lapping against it. I reasoned, where there's a wall, there's land. So I left the raft and started over. Joudy pulled me back."

Throughout the long, dreadful night Izzi was tortured by Lorelei fancies which have lured countless men to their deaths on the open sea. Once he imagined he was back in a little restaurant in South Barre where they sold hamburgers and cokes. Another time he distinctly saw the stern of a huge ship ahead of him. He

saw men go up the side of that ship by rope ladders. He saw the ship's cook give the men bacon and eggs. He could even smell the aroma of frying bacon. Time and again he left the bamboo raft to follow his hallucination, only to be pulled back by Emile Joudy.

Towards dawn a star fell. Someone yelled that a ship was coming and had sent up a flare. Then screams again as sharks liquidated another survivor. At intervals Izzi prayed — prayed as he had never prayed before.

Just after dawn an Ensign Fawks, who had been torpedoed in the Red Sea and who was going back to New York, came floating by on a wooden hatch cover. He was riding it as if it were a horse. He had a bamboo pole in his hand. Sharks started to close in on Izzi and his companions and Fawks beat them off with his pole.

The second day seemed endless and the sun beat down unmercifully. The second night was lonelier and more horrible than the first. The screams grew fainter and fewer as the survivors died or drifted farther apart. The water was warm but Izzi was now almost constantly nauseated by the brine he had gulped down.

Dawn broke swiftly on the third day. There were now four left in Izzi's group. Izzi, Joudy and Satterwhite, and Ensign Fawks on his wooden horse. Ensign Maddox had left them the second night to cling to another bamboo raft.

Late in the afternoon of the third day, a bigger raft floated by with men on it. Izzi and his companions thought that their friend Lorenzo, the radio man, was aboard, so Izzi, who was the best swimmer in the group, decided to swim over.

The bigger raft was drifting in a current. Halfway over, Izzi felt he could never make it and he panicked. Then he swam desperately to get in front of it so it would bear down on him. Fins of sharks cut through the choppy waters all about him. The raft suddenly turned and bore down on him. Someone extended him a hand and he was pulled aboard.

The bigger raft held Ensign Maddox, who had been picked up earlier; George Beezley, an American sailor; Cornelius van der Slot, an oiler on the *Zaandam*; and Nicko Hoogendam, a 17-year-old Dutch sailor who had been a passenger on the *Zaandam*. Both Beezley and Hoogendam had been torpedoed before.

For three hours the men on the bigger raft tried to steer their craft near enough to the smaller raft so they could take the others aboard. The currents defeated their waning strength.

As night fell, Izzi saw Joudy for the last time. His friend waved goodbye from the bamboo raft, now barely visible. Fawks was still riding his wooden hatch cover, brandishing his shark pole.

Basil Izzi remembers crying just three

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ORDEAL AT SEA

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times during his 83-day nightmare. That night on the big raft he broke down and cried as the shadows carried Emile Joudy off for the final time.

Izzi knew only one of his new companions. That was Ensign James Maddox, his Armed Guard officer. The others he didn't remember having seen before. In a way, they were an oddly assorted crew. Maddox was married, a midwesterner, and he had been a schoolteacher before joining the Navy. Van der Slot was an experienced sailor in his mid-thirties. Beezley, a young fellow, was a rough-and-tumble sailor from Hannibal, Mo. Hoogendam was a teenager recently turned sailor. Izzi was an athletic kid from South Barre, Mass.

The raft was a crate, eight feet by nine, built over two watertight steel drums attached to each end. There were ledges about two feet wide on each of the four sides. In the center there was a small deck about four by five feet. A hatch in the middle opened into the water. The raft was made of slats but it rode well, and was sturdy. It seemed like heaven.

An inventory showed two flashlights, a larger light which could be used as a running light, a big yellow canvas, a medical kit, a can of matches, a pair of scissors, nine cans of evaporated milk, a two-pound can of chocolate, a few dozen hardtack biscuits and ten gallons of water. There were also two oars.

While the rations held out, this was the daily menu: In the morning a cup of water with a piece of cracker, a half-cup in the afternoon with a little evaporated milk, and at night, a full cup of water, a piece of biscuit and a bit of chocolate.

At first there was resentment against Izzi for enlarging the crew to five, since the raft and its food were meant for two. And there were to be bitter quarrels. Maddox was Izzi's champion and eventually the resentment wore off as the five settled down to the grim task of surviving.

"Those first few days on the raft were like the dreams you had as a kid," Izzi says. "Dreams of drifting down a sunlit river to the sea on a raft, like Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Beautiful days, wonderful sunsets, stars at night."

At first Izzi addressed Ensign Maddox as "Sir." After that he called him "Maddox" and this made the naval officer a lot more comfortable. Eventually Izzi called Maddox "Jimmy" and a fine understanding developed between the pair.

The sun beat down on them relentlessly. Izzi is dark by nature, but three days in the salt water had bleached his skin and softened it. He burned terribly at first, as did the others.

They had no timepiece, but they set up a lookout schedule. Daytime watches were set at 15 minutes, the longest a man could look into that dazzling seascape.

At night they stood what they thought were two-hour watches.

Once an hour at night the watch would circle his light on all four sides, just in case a ship was within seeing distance.

Izzi and van der Slot suffered the most from sunburn during the first few days. All were bleeding from open wounds. Izzi had only his shorts and the captain's shirt and both were soon in tatters. Maddox, too, had shorts and a shirt. Beezley had dungarees and a shirt. Hoogendam had a pair of dress trousers, a shirt, socks and shoes. Van der Slot had dungarees with shorts beneath them and a shirt.

Hoogendam continued to wear his shoes even after they dried up and shriveled on him. The others kidded him about the shoes.

"Those shoes hurt him like hell," says Izzi, "but he'd wear them just the same. Said he'd paid \$7 for them and he wasn't throwing that kind of dough away."

The raft's four high ledges on all sides made it impossible to stretch out on the deck to sleep, one man would sit down first with his neck propped against one ledge and his feet against the other. His knees would point up to the sky. The second would face opposite him and assume a similar position. And so on. If one moved, they all moved.

At night frequently, bitter, senseless quarrels broke out among the five. No one could remain in such crowded company for so long and not occasionally despise his neighbor.

At first they had hope of being rescued quickly.

Recalls Izzi, "The mornings seemed to go fast. The afternoons were like years. We all waited for sundown and that miserable little piece of chocolate."

At night they covered themselves with the yellow canvas. The last man down had the job of lashing it down. It was a rugged job. Pain gripped their unused muscles. Sun blisters and running sores stabbed like knives.

The food ran out November 18, the 16th day; the men began to look wistfully at the multitude of birds which soared overhead. Maddox, remembering "The Ancient Mariner," said it would be bad luck to liquidate a bird. But a hungry man soon forgets about bad luck.

There were sharks about at all hours of the day and night. Each man spent a little time every day in the water with a rope tied about him. In this way they were able to get some exercise as well as bathe, and also collect edible snails that attached themselves to the under side of the raft. When the watch spotted a shark, the bather was hauled in fast by means of the rope. The baffled shark would continue its way under the raft.

Ensign Maddox came up with a brilliant idea. Why not lasso a shark? Maddox made a lasso of rope and dangled it under the raft between the slats. The

others dangled their legs over the side. Sure enough, along came a small shark into the noose and Maddox had made his first catch.

They hauled the creature up on deck. It was about three feet long and fighting mad. They jammed one of the oars down its throat and got the scissors into the soft belly.

"Maddox asked for the heart," Izzi remembers, "and we gave it to him. We tore into the liver ourselves. It was gray and ugly looking, but it didn't taste too bad. We cut a couple of big steaks off the sides and stowed them in the old food container. The next day we opened the cover. What an aroma! We tossed the steaks into the water. They were there a few seconds and then other sharks came along and bolted them. Regular cannibals."

Thanksgiving Day, 1942, was a grim day for the survivors. They had hoped to be in New York by then. They kept thinking how their folks were sitting down to a big turkey dinner.

On Christmas Day they sang carols and talked of home. By now all five were skin and bones. Their water had run out but they were in the Gulf Stream. It rained quite a bit and they could catch the rain water in the canvas. Christmas afternoon a good-sized bird swooped down on the raft and Izzi made a lunge for it. He missed. The bird settled on the water just out of arm's reach. Hoogendam wanted to plunge in after it. They finally held the Dutch youngster by the heels and he lunged for it. He fell halfway into the sea but he got the bird. It was about the size of a full grown chicken. They divided it up and saved the intestines for bait to catch small fish.

Izzi had long since learned to eat even the bones of everything they caught.

"I got rather fond of them. At night I'd chew on them and they'd make the saliva come and it tasted something like the pretzels you'd get at the beer parlors back home."

Beezley and Maddox wouldn't eat the bones. It may have been a coincidence, but they were the ones who died. Beezley went first.

He had been sick since Christmas. The raw birds and the raw fish upset him. Sometimes he would lie in a cramped position for hours at a time.

Then he would rally for a day or two. Finally he became blind in one eye and began to lose his hearing. The sight in the other eye went. He began to accuse his companions of holding back cigarettes from him. On the 66th morning when Izzi awoke, he looked at Beezley. His hands were out in front of him and his teeth were showing and he was stiff. The others watched him for several hours to see if he would move. He didn't. So they took off his clothes and in the evening they gently rolled him into the sea. They

didn't look in the direction of his body.

Ensign Maddox had a premonition that he was going to die next. He developed the same symptoms as Beezley's. He talked continually about his wife back in the Midwest. During the last days of his illness, he turned to Izzi for comfort. Then he began coughing up blood. On the morning of the 77th day, Izzi discovered Maddox trailing his hand in the water with all his teeth showing.

They didn't wait until evening to bury Maddox. They took off his clothes and his wedding ring and rolled him gently off the raft. This time they watched. The body, with its long hair trailing in the waves, floated about the eddying water for a few moments. Then something jarred the body, the long hair fluttered momentarily in the greenish-blue waters and then the body abruptly disappeared.

This was the second time Izzi cried. He cried a third time when a third ship passed them [not one of the first three ships that passed them showed the least sign that they had spotted the raft].

Basil Dominic Izzi and his two surviving companions were rescued January 24, 1943. They had drifted 2,200 miles over an 83-day period. Their food and water were gone. Their beards and hair had grown wild. They were so weak they couldn't stand to wave to the U.S. patrol boat which spotted them. They had to be carried aboard. Izzi weighed a little more than 50 pounds, nearly one-third his normal weight.

Izzi is eternally grateful to Earl Carpenter, the Navy lookout aboard the Patrol Craft boat which rescued them. It was only Carpenter's persistence which persuaded his commanding officer that there was life aboard the tiny raft. They suspected a trap at first.

Izzi's skin was so toughened by exposure to the elements that he had to be operated on in order to be fed intravenously. They couldn't get a needle into his arm. The three survivors were put into a U. S. Naval dispensary in Brazil. Medics declared they would not have lasted more than another day or two. Thus ended one of the longest survival stories on record.

Izzi and his two companions made a good recovery after a false one. Two months after being rescued, Izzi was flown to Washington and thence to Massachusetts where he received a hero's welcome. The Navy sent him about the country selling War Bonds. Nightmares haunted him. A book was written about his exploits. It was published just at the time Eddie Rickenbacker's story of his ordeal in the Pacific came out. Rickenbacker's book became a best-seller. Izzi's created only a minor stir. Izzi finished his term in the Navy. The kid who made survivor history finally made Coxswain.

When the war was over he went back to South Barre and to his old life. He

found it difficult to take up his former pursuits again. His sleep at night was punctuated by wild dreams. It took a long time to erase the black memories of 83 days on the open sea. But time heals many wounds. It finally healed Izzi's.

Today, at 39, Basil Dominic Izzi is an average businessman. His neighbors in South Barre are accustomed to seeing him around. His garage and filling station are thriving. He likes to roam the pleasant Massachusetts hills around his home with his dog. He has found time to serve in his native town as a town father. He served a term as commander of the South Barre American Legion Post. He likes a quiet beer with his friends.

He has held no reunions with the two surviving men who shared the raft with him. He has lost sight of Cornelius van der Slot entirely. The last Izzi heard of him, he was in Amsterdam. Nicko Hoogendam he has seen. The latter is now in the Merchant Marine service. Occasionally, when Hoogendam is in the United States, he and Izzi get together. Their conversations are generally small talk.

Izzi prefers to forget the bitter disappointments; the equally bitter quarrels, the pain and the tragedy of the long odyssey aboard that eight-by-nine-foot raft.

He likes to recall certain phases of his experiences, however. He still remembers those glorious sunsets at sea and how big the stars looked at night.

He'll assure you there was much to admire in the South Atlantic.

"I remember how I used to pass the time watching the fish fighting, great green fish that looked like dragons. Sometimes the sharks would fight the dragon fish. It was wonderful to watch. I can still remember one great blue fish that leaped clean out of the water at least 20 feet."

Another recollection is that of a small bird which bobbed up and down on a piece of flotsam for a number of days.

"That bird would tease the sharks which floated up on their backs, mouths open, to gulp it down. It would wait until the last moment, and then flutter up just out of reach. When the shark had passed, down would come the bird again. It was a regular comedian. But if we could have caught it, that would have been the end of our bird, too."

These are the things Basil Dominic Izzi likes to recall about his long, harrowing experience. He would like to forget some of the other things — those two nights in the water, the goodbyes to Emile Joudy and Jimmy Maddox. But they're there in the back of his memory.

He hasn't been on a ship since the PC boat rescued him.

"I toyed with the idea of taking a trip by sea to Bermuda, and maybe I will someday. But I still prefer the feel of good solid ground beneath me," he says with a quick smile.

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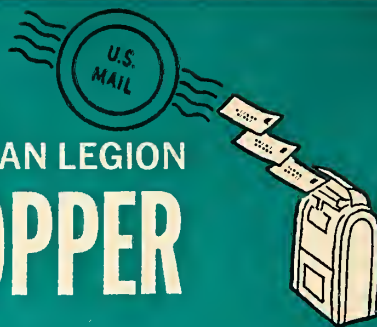
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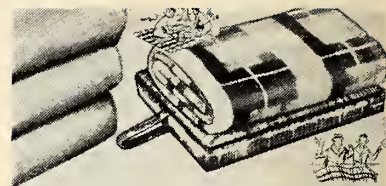
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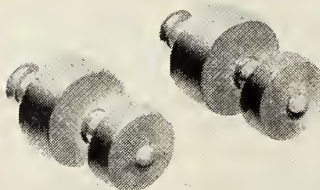
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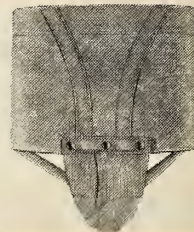
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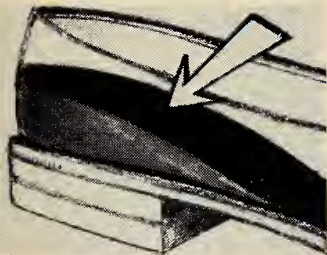


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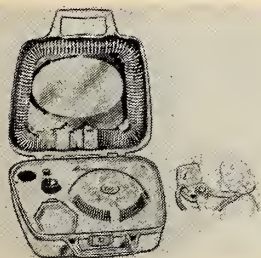
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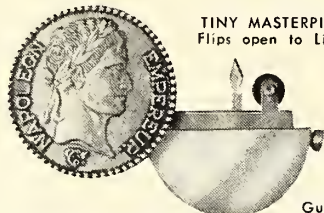
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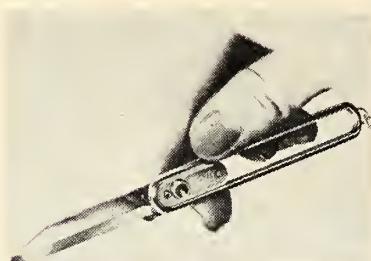
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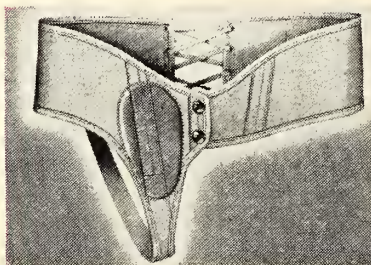
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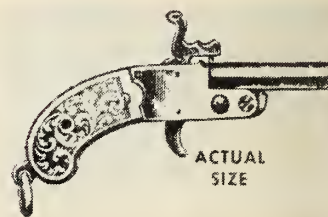
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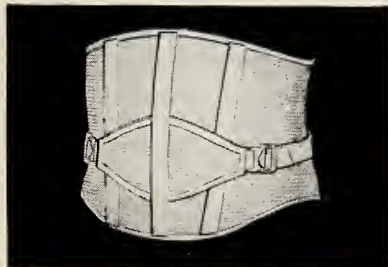
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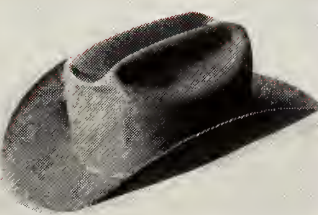
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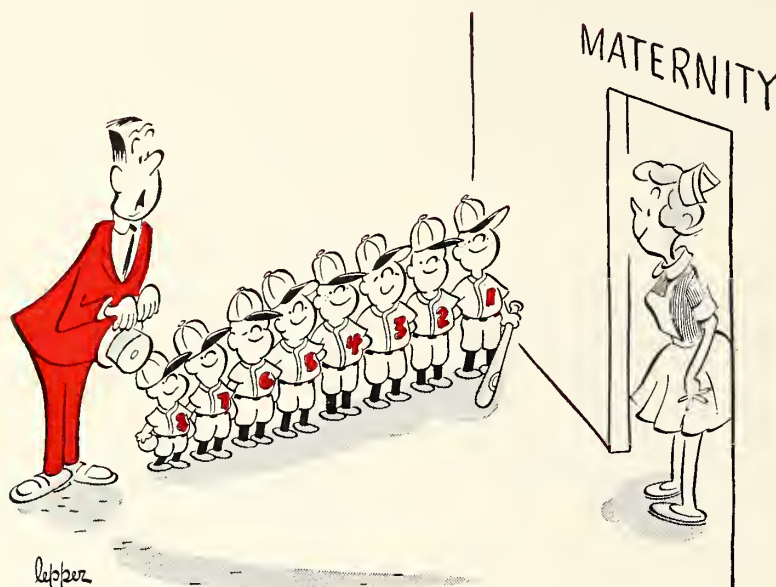
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